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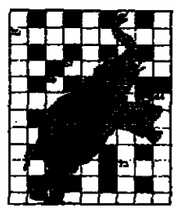

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'No change' in economic policy

Major bids to soothe right over Clarke

BY JILL SHERMAN IN PARIS AND PHILIP WEBSTER

■ As the Prime Minister tried to calm Conservative nerves he was warned that his own position now could be under threat from his new Chancellor

JOHN Major tried to calm Conservative nerves after the abrupt dismissal of Norman Lamont yesterday by insisting that there would be no change of economic policy under his successor, Kenneth Clarke.

He moved to reassure Tory rightwingers concerned by Mr Clarke's appointment as Chancellor of the Exchequer by ruling out any early return to the European exchange-rate mechanism (ERM).

As cabinet ministers privately voiced hopes that Mr Lamont would not become the focus of backbench discontent, *the prime minister tried to* heal the wounds with a warm tribute to his former Chancellor and a frank admission that he understood the hurt Mr Lamont must feel. As he did so, however, Mr Major was given a sharp warning by one of the ministers he sacked on Thursday that his own tenure was threatened by Mr Clarke.

Edward Leigh, the former trade and industry minister, said the new Chancellor was now the heir apparent and his appointment was a substantial victory for the left of the party. Mr Major's position had been weakened over the past year, the MP for Gainsborough & Horncastle said, and he should be concerned. "Mr Clarke *will bide his time — I* would have thought it was quite a dangerous position for Mr Major."

As the tension over Mr Lamont's departure continued, Michael Heseltine admitted that it had been necessary for the former Chancellor to go to appease the party. "The pressure had built up," the President of the Board of Trade said. "The speculation was feverish and the body politic wanted a scapegoat." Mr Heseltine, who resigned from the Cabinet over the Westland affair and then returned to play a large part in Margaret Thatcher's downfall, said: "Politics is a ruthless business."

Mr Major, who was in Paris to meet Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, said: "Norman is a good friend of mine. He's been a good friend of mine for a very long time. We have shared the same policies, we have shared the same hopes, we have shared the same dreams about getting inflation down.

"*He has taken a great* deal of criticism as Chancellor, as any Chancellor of the Exchequer would have had to do — taken it very bravely with a *great degree of courage.* The fact that it has been necessary to make a change, I understand, must be very hurtful to him. Even politicians *are human.*"

Asked about Mr Lamont's decision not to send him the customary letter of allegiance after his departure, Mr Major *said: "I think that is a matter* for Norman. But I do not think it can be very surprising, can it?" The prime minister said it was necessary from time *to time "to refresh a govern*ment, change it round and put the right people in the right jobs to push forward the agenda for the next few years".

While Mr Lamont cleared his belongings from 11 Downing Street, Mr Clarke tackled his first day at the Treasury. Some Tories on the right of the party are yet to be convinced about his intentions over the exchange-rate mechanism despite his recent statement that Britain was unlikely to rejoin this Parliament.

Mr Major made clear that the change in Chancellor did not presage a change in policy. "The position on economic *policy generally has been* set out quite clearly," he said. "The circumstances for Britain to re-enter the ERM do not exist at the moment ... *and are unlikely to do so in the* near future."

The prime minister also ruled out any change on the Budget decision to impose value-added tax on fuel bills. "I don't anticipate the present Chancellor changing what was in the Budget, which was approved by the Cabinet of which he was a member."

He appeared irritated by persisent questioning about the removal of Mr Lamont and suggested that the timing had been dictated by the start of preparations for the first unified spending and taxation Budget. "It is necessary to have a new Chancellor in place to see that right the way through the preparation and presentation in November," he said.

Some Tory MPs expressed misgivings yesterday about the limited scale of Mr Major's Cabinet changes. It is understood that he intends to carry out a more substantial facelift in the middle of next year, probably based around the retirement of Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and the return to ministerial ranks of Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman.

Tory MPs also voiced concern about the manner of *Mr Lamont's departure*, while the Euro-sceptics hoped he would become a strong voice in their camp. Mr Leigh suggested that Mr Lamont "might well *bite back*". Roger Knapman, MP for Stroud, said: "We shall hope that Norman Lamont will make himself available, particularly to *explode the myth* that somehow one needs to belong to an exchange-rate mechanism to fight inflation."

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Tory voters worried by NHS charges

BY PETER RIDDELL POLITICAL EDITOR

PUBLIC concern over the health service has jumped sharply over the past month following speculation over the possibility of extending charges for prescriptions and for stays in hospitals.

The latest MORI poll for *The Times shows an ex*ceptionally large rise for a single month in the number mentioning the National Health Service as among *the most impor*tant issues facing Britain today, up from 24 to 41 per cent since April. The shift has occurred particularly among *women* and 35 to 54-year-olds. The NHS is now highlighted by a third of Tory supporters.

This underlines the political sensitivity of the review of public spending by Michael Portillo, the chief secretary to the Treasury, and the likely strength of public opposition to any cutbacks in the

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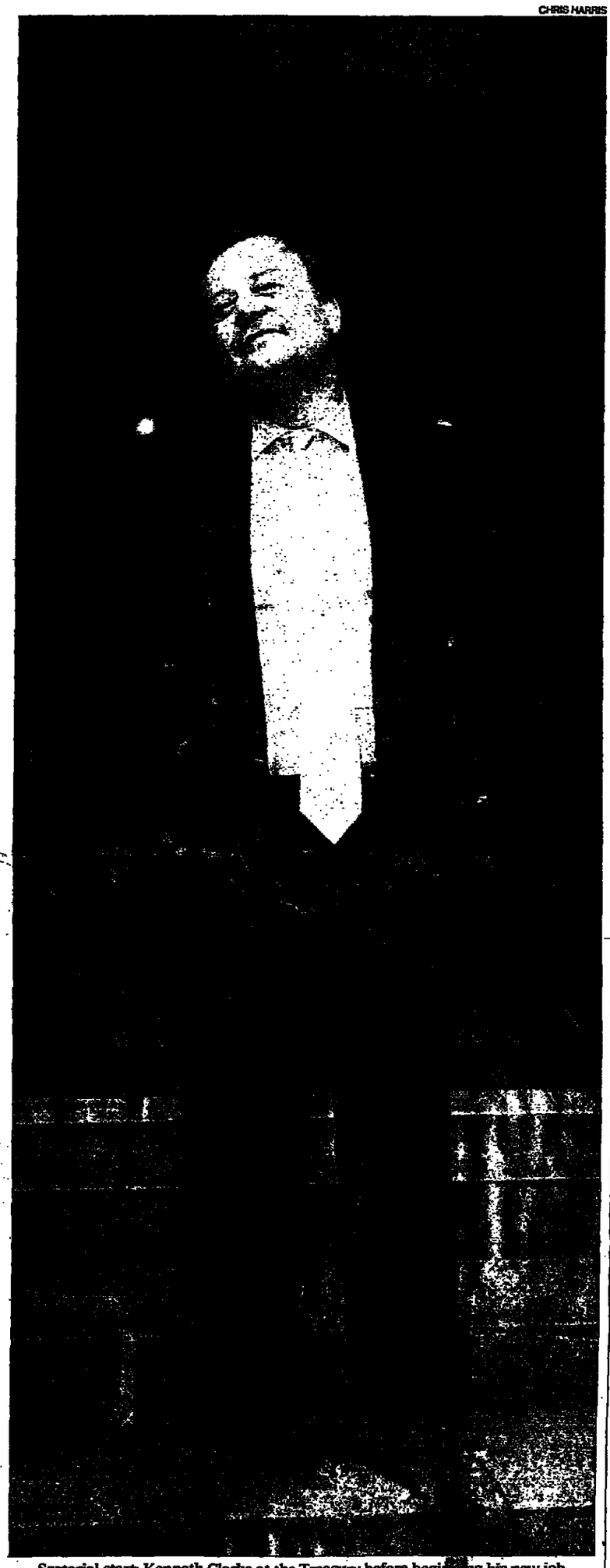

CHRIS HARRIS

Sartorial start: Kenneth Clarke at the Treasury before begi[illegible] his new job

Italian culture lies in pieces at bombed palace of art

JOHN PHILLIPS walks through the Uffizi to see the devastation of a Renaissance treasure house

MORE than 100,000 *people marched through* Florence yesterday to condemn the car bomb attack on the Uffizi Gallery but the saddest walk was through the museum exhibition rooms littered with damaged paintings and statues.

Crunching glass shards under foot along the Vasari corridor linking the Palazzo Vecchio to the Palazzo Pitti, we entered the Dosso room facing the epicentre of the explosion that desecrated the largest museum in Italy on Thursday. Windows and their frames were blown out and works of art have been *moved elsewhere.*

Looking out on the Via Georgofili, where a family of four was killed, we saw a chilling panorama of medi*eval buildings barely stand*ing and apartments exposed to the elements. Firemen wearing masks are still clearing rubble. "What animals," an *Italian journalist* muttered. "I am sure the assassins must have children too."

In the Niobe room the trunk of one of the damaged statues, the Greek *Niobide Dying* was on a trestle. The blast had blown off its legs.

The sickening force of the blast from 220 lb of explosive was evident from a glimpse of the top of the Buontalenti staircase, the monumental exit down which more than one million tourists walked last year. Slabs of marble knocked out of one of the main pillars on a landing littered the steps and a *handrail* was buckled. "*I* can't let people enter the gallery and leave by the same door. It would be chaos," Anna Maria Petrioli Tofani, the curator of the museum, said. "And then if someone were to place a bomb there ..." A mountain of faxes and telegrams of support, including one from the National Gallery in London, lie in her office. She is adamant that none of the 33 damaged paintings and statues will be restored outside the city.

The huge Boticelli room, renowned as the most remarkable in the museum, has been turned into a deposit for paintings taken out of the worst damaged areas. Fortunately only the *windows in this section* were damaged. In the Giotto room, a damaged painting by G. B. Spinelli, *David Feted by Young Girls*, is propped against the wall covered with rice paper plasters on the points where flying glass transfixed the canvas.

Apart from security forces, the gallery's 70 staff are the only people in evidence. Attendants wander around as if in a daze, mingling with plainclothes police carrying out investigations. Staff have piled up shattered panels of glass in the east wing of the museum.

It was bullet proof but, alas, not blast proof.

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Allitt jailed for life as her parents seek full enquiry

BY LIN JENKINS

SERIAL killer Beverley Allitt was put behind bars for the rest of her life yesterday as her parents joined the call for a public enquiry into the deaths.

Allitt was sentenced at Nottingham Crown Court to 13 *terms of life imprisonment for* systematically killing and assaulting children in her care. Mr Justice Latham said there was no real prospect that the *time would ever come* when she could safely be released.

Allitt had not been in court for most of her trial because she had been suffering from anorexia nervosa but she was brought from Rampton Hospital for sentencing. As she was leaving the dock relatives of the victims screamed abuse at her.

After the hearing, John Kendall, Allitt's solicitor, said her parents, Richard and Lilian, who have not once *attended the court*, had asked him to express their deepest sympathy for all the victims. He said: "They know it is desperately important that all factors involving events on Ward Four come into the public domain, which is the only way the true circumstances will be known." They added their support to calls for the enquiry to be held in public, he said.

The judge summoned Trent regional health authority and the Department of Health to court to explain what had been done, was being done and would be done to ensure no repetition of such an appalling tragedy.

An independent inquiry into the events has been set up by Virginia Bottomley, health secretary, under Sir Cecil Clothier, QC. Parents of the victims this week lost a High Court application to force it to be held in public. They are expected to appeal.

Allitt brought from Rampton for sentence

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Schoolgirl, 12, found murdered in alley

BY BILL FROST

POLICE were last night hunting the killer of a 12-year-old girl from north London whose body was discovered in an alley after she had failed to return home from school. Her murder comes just days after police arrested a man seen near the alley attempting to lure girls towards him.

Katrina Monk, from Enfield, had been reported missing by her mother on Thursday evening. Dozens of officers assisted by Scotland Yard's territorial support group conducted enquiries while dogs and a helicopter helped to search open ground.

Sixteen hours after the search began officers discovered the girl's fully-clothed body in a secluded passage four miles from her school and close to her home, where she lived with her mother, stepfather and older sister and brother. Detectives said there was no sign that she had been sexually assaulted.

An incident room was set up at Edmonton police station. A spokeswoman said: "Katrina went as usual to Enfield County School on Thursday morning. She left at 3.15pm but did not return home. The journey, which meant her catching two buses, should have taken about 45 minutes. Katrina's mother reported her missing at 8pm." She was wearing a green tartan dress, white blouse and a black bomber jacket. She was carrying a brightly coloured satchel.

A school friend, Melissa Zagara, 12, described Katrina as "a very bright girl" and "very popular".

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Clarke narrowly escapes his first Treasury banana skin

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND BILL FROST

WHETHER by chance or malignant design something nasty had been left on the Treasury steps yesterday morning just moments before the new Chancellor of the Exchequer was to pose for the traditional photocall.

Only the vigilance of a police constable detailed to hold back the media circus prevented Kenneth Clarke from sharing the steps with a large banana skin. Spotting the potential for ministerial embarrassment the PC swept up the peel, much to the fury of the assembled photographers.

Unaware of how close he had come to satisfying every Fleet Street picture editor's dream, Mr Clarke told reporters that was looking forward to an "informative and interesting day" at the Treasury.

Wearing his trademark brown suede shoes, a grey pinstriped suit — unbuttoned to reveal his girth — and a startling pink and lime-green tie, he declined to discuss his predecessor.

His tie went with hopes of a financial upturn. Mr Clarke said. "I am sporting a glorious tie to go with the mood of optimism."

The City yesterday, however, welcomed Mr Clarke to his new job with falls in sterling and renewed pressure to cut interest rates. Economists moved quickly to offer the novice Chancellor advice and to deflect him from being entirely his "own man". As the pound slipped against the mark, City pressure grew on Mr Clarke to prove his geniality and donate a 0.5 per cent interest-rate cut to the nation.

Robin Marshall, chief economist with Chase Investment Bank, plunged in with a speculative prediction that the new Chancellor would drop base rates before the forthcoming Christchurch by-election.

Although the Chancellor's political skills are widely recognised, he will quickly be called upon to convince those in the City who question the economic expertise of a barrister more adept with words than figures.

The latest incumbent of No 11 has been granted just 19 days to come to grips with the intricacies of economic fiscal policy before he delivers the key Mansion House speech at London's Guildhall.

There were broad smiles as Sir Terence Burns, the permanent secretary to the Treasury and the Chancellor's main teacher in the days to come, greeted him on the Treasury steps and led him indoors for his first lessons.

Mr Clarke promised to show more diligence to detail than he had devoted to the Maastricht treaty, which he once brazenly admitted he had not read. "I shall be totally concentrating on economic and financial issues for the next few days," he promised.

As a newcomer, the Chancellor has been spared having to face fellow EC finance ministers at their Luxembourg meeting on June 7. Anthony Nelson, Treasury economic secretary, will carry the British flag at next week's OECD ministers' meeting in Paris.

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Patchwork provincial shares limelight with cocktail set

Gillian Clarke: "More Mrs Bush than Mrs Clinton"

■ The spouses of the new Chancellor and the new home secretary show that there is no such thing as the typical Tory wife

BY ALICE THOMSON

GILLIAN Clarke is not a typical political wife. The partner of the new Chancellor has never worn pink Escada suits, streaked her hair or sported little black dresses and is rarely seen on the political cocktail circuit.

Unlike Norma Major, she would never think of showing off her hands in a glossy magazine. Her fingernails are too steeped in garden soil and her fashion sense is more grunge-granny, with stripy layers, mismatched pussycat bows and felt hats covered in netting.

The Clarkes met in 1963 as Cambridge students and she sacrificed a career as a medieval historian to support him. While her husband haunted jazz clubs, Mrs Clarke sewed. Their chaotic Nottingham home has two large hangings representing *The Labours of the Months*, 12 panels based on medieval manuscripts which won her the hand-appliqué prize at the 1988 National Patchwork Championships.

How will she cope with No 11, the Dorneywood residence and the obligatory photo-opportunity of Chancellor with Budget box and wife? Mrs Clarke's horticultural interests will be appeased by looking out from her new home at St James's Park on one side and the garden of No 10 on the other. But there is also constant activity. As a previous occupant, Thérèse Lawson, commented: "The most difficult thing about living above the shop is the impossibility of ever truly letting your hair down or wandering around with a face pack or hair rollers at nine in the morning."

The Conservative ladies who lunch, while trying to be discreet, are concerned for Mrs Clarke. One said yesterday: "I am afraid she could be his mother, he's so youthful. And she's a real fashion casualty, wearing shapeless shirt dresses. She is definitely on the comfortable side. She is a fish out of water in London. She'd probably prefer sherry and a night watching the TV."

Roger Smart, Mr Clarke's agent in Nottinghamshire, disagreed. "She is a real hit in the constituency when she gives talks on patchwork and gardening and she attends all the functions with her husband. She doesn't like the media but she is very relaxed with constituents. Not being able to drive, she takes the bus and chats away. She will be more of a Barbara Bush than Hillary Clinton."

While Mrs Clarke might decide to wear her dressing-gown in No 11, the new home secretary's wife, Sandra Howard, is rarely seen out of a slinky black dress. One friend enthused: "When she walks into a party she blushes slightly, stammers and hesitates. Ten men immediately abandon all conversation and rush to her aid. She has all the charm in the world. She is rather giddy, extremely pretty and she gets on with women as well."

A former model, she has been married three times before and has three children. Her first husband, the pianist and writer Robin Douglas-Home, died from an overdose three years after their divorce and she admits she has had her "innings of marital problems". Married to Michael Howard for 18 years, she is said to ring him at least eight times a day.

Sandra Howard: "Rather giddy and extremely pretty"

Howard begins Home Office workload with Taylor talks

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Howard got straight down to work in his new job as home secretary yesterday by calling in Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, for talks.

Lord Taylor is a critic of the controversial sections of the Criminal Justice Act, which is being changed seven months after coming into operation.

With law and order a priority for the government, Mr Howard will have a heavy legislative load in the next parliamentary session as well as the task of regaining the initiative from Labour in this field.

He was briefed by Ian Burns, head of the police department, who is involved in plans to reorganise the police service and police authorities. A white paper on the changes is being prepared for publication before the summer recess, with legislation in the next session. As environment secretary, Mr Howard opposed large-scale mergers of police forces. Mr Howard also met John Halliday, head of the criminal, research and statistics department, which is working on proposals for secure units housing persistent juvenile offenders. The plans, opposed by penal reformers, and the new sentence of a secure training order will be included in a criminal justice bill next session.

He saw Derek Lewis, the director-general of the prison service, and John Woodcock, the retiring chief inspector of constabulary.

Mr Howard must decide what sort of authority is to oversee the Metropolitan police. Other issues include Sunday trading; legislation to end unit fines and reform sentencing policy; the Sheehy enquiry into police pay and conditions; and the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, expected to report before the end of July. In 1990 Mr Howard voted for the death penalty for the murder of police officers.

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Hunt's baptism is challenge to 48-hour working week

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A FRESH clash over European Community working conditions is looming next week as David Hunt, the new employment secretary, prepares to warn Brussels that Britain may launch a legal challenge to its plans for a 48-hour maximum working week.

Mr Hunt, who took over from Gillian Shephard at the employment department yesterday, faces a baptism of fire as he registers British objections to two other controversial Brussels directives, one restricting the hours that schoolchildren can work and the other obliging hundreds of British companies to establish works councils. Denmark, which holds the presidency of the EC, is anxious to secure agreement on the 48-hour week at the meeting of EC employment ministers on Tuesday in time for the Copenhagen heads of government summit next month.

There are fears in Britain and elsewhere that a damaging dispute next week would not help the government during the final weeks leading up to the ratification of the Maastricht treaty. Some of Britain's partners remain resentful of the decision to opt out from the social chapter provisions of Maastricht.

Mrs Shephard won substantial concessions for Britain when the "working time" directive was agreed in principle last June. She was unable to block it with a British veto because the directive had been brought forward by Brussels as health and safety legislation which, under Community law, can be dealt with by majority voting.

However, Britain believes it can challenge the whole basis of the directive in the European Court, arguing that the directive should have come under legislation governing terms and conditions of employment, which can only go through unanimously, allowing a veto.

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REGISTRATION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
AND APPLICATIONS FOR CASINO LICENCE

The Sydney Casino
Australia

The New South Wales Government has directed the Casino Control Authority to invite expressions of interest for the establishment and operation of the Sydney casino complex, and applications for the casino licence.

The casino is to be located at Pyrmont Bay, which is adjacent to Darling Harbour and the city's Central Business District, and will form part of a world-class hotel/entertainment complex. It is proposed that the complex will ultimately include:

- 200 gaming tables and 1500 gaming devices.
- International hotel and related accommodation facilities.
- Cultural/entertainment areas.
- Conference/convention area.
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The successful applicant will be required to establish and operate a temporary casino at a site to be determined prior to commencement of operation of the permanent casino.

Information on the project and on how to express an interest and apply for the casino licence is contained in the "Invitation Document", which is now available by contacting Mr. Don Davison, Casino Control Authority, Telephone: (02) 392 2320, Fax: (02) 299 7427, GPO Box 3970, Sydney, NSW 2001.

Closing date and time for expressions of interest and applications is 3.00 pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on Friday, 18 June, 1993.

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AA predicts tortuous traffic jams for holiday

BY PHILIP BASSETT AND BILL FROST

UNSETTLED weather and lengthy tailbacks of traffic at traditional blackspots yesterday signalled the start of the bank holiday weekend.

Prospects for air travellers planning a long weekend away brightened when the Transport and General Workers' Union said that British Airways flights would not be hit by threatened strike action until Tuesday.

Bill Morris, the union's general secretary, said that its BA members would strike next week there were no settlement in a dispute over pay and conditions at Gatwick airport for BA staff who worked for Dan-Air before BA took it over.

From early yesterday afternoon, congestion began building up on roads out of major cities. AA Roadwatch predicted "delays of excruciating proportions". A 40-mile tailback built up on the M6 southbound between junction five, the M5 interchange and Keele services in Staffordshire. "The traffic is bad now at all the usual places and we fear it will only get worse," the AA said late yesterday afternoon.

The union warning comes after a ballot of its 17,000 BA members, including ground staff and cabin crews, in which 62 per cent of those who voted — about half the total — supported a strike.

Robert Ayling, BA managing director, said poorer terms for former Dan-Air staff were needed to maintain short-haul flights from Gatwick.

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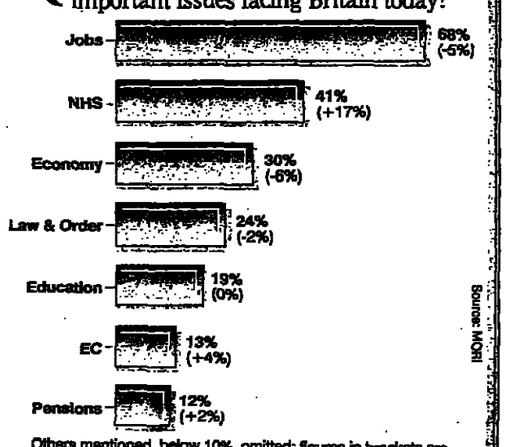
ISSUES FACING BRITAIN TODAY

Q What would you say are the most important issues facing Britain today?



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Poll highlights public concern over NHS

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current extensive exemptions from paying prescription charges or if "hotel" charges are introduced in hospitals.

The increased concern about the NHS occurred at the same time as a further drop in support for the Tories, down to their lowest level since autumn 1981, as reported in *The Times* yesterday. Otherwise, the latest figures show a slight increase in concern about pensions and social security.

By contrast, only 2 per cent mention local government and the council tax. This shows that despite a furious public row over the introduction of the poll tax, the council tax has been introduced relatively smoothly.

Michael Howard's success in handling this change was one reason for his promotion in Thursday's cabinet reshuffle.

The public remains more confident about the economic outlook, though there has been a drop in the optimism index compared with April, when evidence of the end of the recession appeared. The index, a measure of those believing the economic conditions of the country will improve over the next 12 months, now stands at plus-three points, compared with plus-14 points in April. The index was heavily negative for the previous ten months.

The number mentioning unemployment or the economy as among the most important issues facing Britain has declined over the past month. *MORI interviewed 1,842 adults on May 20 to 24.*

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Vote kills Smith plan for electoral reform

John Smith, the Labour party leader, yesterday lost virtually any chance of winning a straight fight on applying the principle of one member, one vote to Labour's electoral procedures, when the Union of Communication Workers, normally loyal to the leadership, rejected his proposals.

The vote at the union's annual conference in Jersey will increase the pressure on both the party and its affiliated trade unions to agree a compromise which will stave off an otherwise inevitable defeat for Mr Smith.

Close party supporters of Mr Smith had hoped that the UCW would back one-member, one-vote, which Mr Smith wants to see applied to elections for the party leader and local parliamentary candidates. If the question went to a straight vote at Labour's annual conference in the autumn Mr Smith would now lose by a wide margin.

Second inquest on MP

The widow of a Labour MP who died within an hour of leaving a Liverpool hospital was yesterday granted a fresh inquest into his death. Lynda Carr, whose husband Michael collapsed, aged 41, in July 1990, eight weeks after victory in a Bootle by-election, won a declaration nullifying the original proceedings. Lord Justice Neill, sitting with Mr Justice Mantell, said he had concluded "with reluctance" that the inquest jury had not been lawfully summoned and that a new inquest should be held before a different coroner.

Oxbridge weeded out

Government efforts to loosen the Oxbridge grip on the civil service succeeded last year with a decline in the proportion accepted for entry, but difficulties persist with recruitment from ethnic minorities. Only seven such candidates won a place into fast-stream schemes out of more than 900 who applied.

Tourist killed baby

A Canadian woman who knocked down and killed a year-old baby boy while on holiday in England has been fined £1,000. Melvyn Stowell was in his pushchair near King's College, Cambridge, when an automatic hire car driven by Annette Reid, 64, ran into them after Mrs Reid pressed the accelerator instead of the brake. The baby died instantly; his mother, Isabelle Redfern, 31, and four others were injured.

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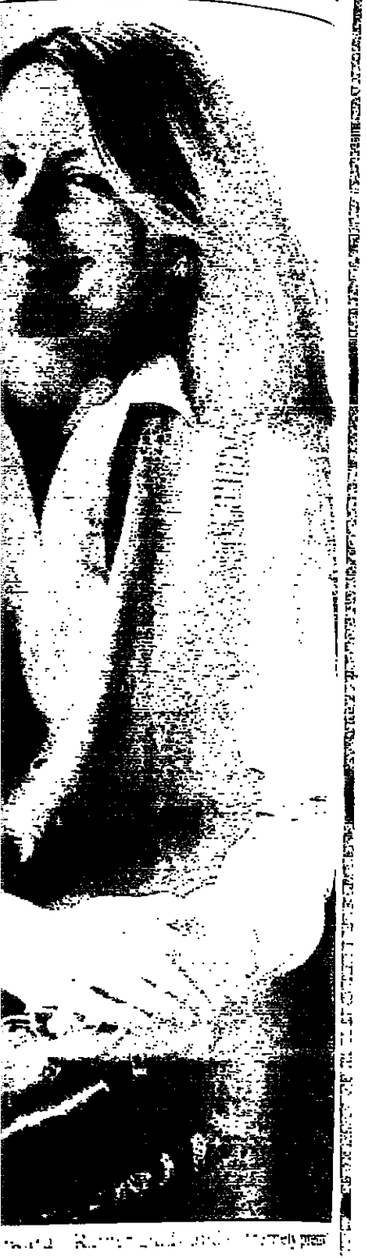

Relatives of victims hurl abuse at killer

Judge gives Allitt 13 life terms for crimes against children

BY LIN JENKINS

■ The judge who jailed Beverly Allitt for life is anxious that lessons for the whole of the NHS are learnt from the tragedy

BEVERLY Allitt, Britain's most prolific female serial killer this century, was given 13 life sentences yesterday for murders and assaults on children. Mr Justice Latham told Nottingham Crown Court there was no chance that she could ever safely be released.

As Allitt, gaunt and frail with cropped hair, dressed in jeans, a flowery shirt and a purple jumper, turned to walk from the dock, relatives of her victims hurled abuse. Susan Peck, whose 15-month-old daughter Claire was murdered by Allitt, yelled: "Go to hell, you bastard."

Another relative screamed: "Lock her in a cage", and another, "I'll bury you, you bastard."

Allitt remained expressionless as she had done throughout the evidence by doctors on her severe personality disorder. The Lincolnshire hospital nurse raised her eyes only when she stood unsteadily to be sentenced. Because she was suffering from anorexia nervosa, Allitt had not been in court since the sixteenth day of the 51-day trial.

The judge told her: "You have been committed of the most terrible crimes. You killed, tried to kill or seriously harmed, 13 children, many of them tiny babies. They had been entrusted to your care.

"You have brought grief to their families. You have sown a seed of doubt in those who should have faith in the integrity of care their children will receive in hospital. Hopefully, that seed will not take root and that doubt will recede.

"Hopefully, the grief felt by the families will become easier to bear, but it will always be there. The lives of those you killed and the health of some of those you harmed can never be restored.

"You are seriously disturbed. You are cunning and manipulative and you have shown no remorse for the trail of destruction you have left behind you. I accept it is all the result of the severe personality disorder that you have. But you are and remain a very serious danger to others."

He sentenced her to life imprisonment for the murders of Liam Taylor, aged eight weeks, Claire Peck, Becky Phillips, nine weeks, and Timothy Hardwick, aged 11 but with a mental age of three months. He also gave life terms for the attempted murder of another three children on ward 4 of Grantham and Kesteven General Hospital and life sentences for causing grievous bodily harm with intent to six more children.

The judge told her: "There can be no question of your release so long as the risk of danger to others persists. On the evidence I have heard there is no real prospect that the time will ever come when you can safely be released."

He said that he hoped the authorities would bear in mind evidence on her medical condition, in particular that from Dr James Higgins, in considering where she should be held.

Allitt, 24, had denied all the charges. She was flanked in the dock by two Rampton nurses and a Group 4 security officer. Four policemen were also in court, two of them in front of the dock.

Allitt attacked her victims by injecting them with non-prescribed substances or by stopping their breathing. Those in her care collapsed from heart attacks with chilling regularity during her 59 days on the ward in the spring of 1991. Some died and others were left severely brain damaged.

After the hearing Henry Watson, grandfather of Liam, said: "She did not get what she deserved. But the death penalty does not exist any more. As long as she is locked away for her natural life that will be enough." Steve Gibson, father of Bradley Gibson, five, whom Allitt tried to murder, said: "He is scarred and that will last for the rest of his and our lives."

Allitt will begin her sentence in the psychiatric wing of Holloway prison, where she will be assessed in order that the home secretary can decide where she is to be placed.

Dr Higgins, a consultant forensic psychiatrist, told the court that in his view Allitt's personality disorders could not be treated under the criteria necessary for her to be held in hospital.

He said it was understandable that she wished to remain in Rampton and there was every risk that if she went to prison she would engineer events to ensure she ended up in hospital.

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JULIA QUENZLER

In the dock: Allitt, next to a nurse, hangs her head

SIMON WALKER

Dr David Hope presenting his plan yesterday: "Under God we may provide a pattern which others in England may find helpful"

Bishop of London to allow women priests

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Bishop of London ended months of speculation yesterday by declaring that he would allow the ordination of women in his diocese. Dr David Hope's proposals will help to heal a long-standing rift in the diocese and could prevent large defections to the Roman Catholic Church.

Dr Hope will not himself ordain women priests: that will be carried out by a commissary appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey. The Bishop of Willesden, the Right Rev Graham Dow, the only one of six bishops in London to support the ordination of women, will ordain those in his area and could be appointed as the commissary. Dr Hope may also decline to ordain men, to preserve unity.

Dr Carey welcomed the plan. He said: "I am sure many will take heart at this further evidence of the determination of all bishops to ensure that people of differing views about women priests can remain together within the Church of England."

Speculation had centred on whether Dr Hope, one of 12 bishops that voted against women priests at the General Synod in November, would ordain and license them. He has received many letters, petitions and even threats urging him to decide. The London diocese has one of the largest numbers of women who want to be priests and some of their most determined opponents.

Dr Hope said: "We hope that under God we may provide a pattern which others, in England and elsewhere, may find helpful." The plan meets nearly all the demands of clergy who oppose women priests. It will, in effect, create a church within a church but will prevent a serious split. The most innovative aspect of *The London Plan* is to appoint the assistant bishop of Fulham as the first "flying bishop". The Right Rev John Klyberg, one of the church's most determined opponents of women priests, will ordain other opponents in the Willesden area and will have "non-geographical jurisdiction" throughout the diocese. Parishes will be able to join his new area or remain with their present area bishop. Bishop Klyberg might also become the "flying bishop" for the Rochester and Canterbury dioceses.

The plan takes the Manchester agreement, worked out by the synod's House of Bishops earlier this year, one step further. New proposals to be put to the bishops next month, by a group led by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, are likely to encompass schemes such as *The London Plan*.

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Editor risks jail over article

BY LIN JENKINS

DONALD Trelford passed his last day as editor of *The Observer* in court yesterday where the judge in the trial of Beverly Allitt referred to the attorney-general an alleged contempt of court by his newspaper. The departing editor could face imprisonment or a big fine if found guilty of contempt.

Mr Trelford was at Nottingham Crown Court to hear counsel for *The Observer* offer Mr Justice Latham explanation of an article in *The Observer* about the Allitt case while the jury was still out. Desmond Browne QC, argued that the article of Sunday, May 16, when jurors had returned only some of the verdicts on Allitt, did not pose a serious risk of substantial prejudice.

The article, commissioned by the features editor Rebecca Nicholson, gave details of the personality disorder Munchausen Syndrome and had as its peg the case of the Lincolnshire nurse. The judge had ruled at the start of the trial that details of Allitt's background were to be kept from the jury because of the risk of prejudice.

Mr Justice Latham accepted apologies from BBC Television's *Look North*, which broadcast background material before all verdicts were given. He also accepted apologies from the *Lincolnshire Echo*, for using background material too soon, and *The Guardian*, for a leader published at the same time referring to Allitt as a psychopath.

The judge took a more serious view of *The Observer* article. He said: "If the jury had in fact seen the page it would have caused the most appalling problem. It may have required us to discharge the jury from returning verdicts on other matters ... That would have been a tragedy for the parents whose children's cases had yet to be decided."

The judge was putting the case to the attorney-general for "a dispassionate view" on whether it should go to court.

Ships told to watch for explorer

BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SHIPS off the coast of southern Taiwan were yesterday urged to keep a look-out for a British explorer who is attempting to sail from Hong Kong to the Americas on a bamboo raft.

There is no suggestion that Tim Severin and his six-man crew have met with an accident but it is known that their communications equipment has broken down. Whether it can be repaired in Taiwan remains to be seen.

Earlier this week, the crew used a short-range back-up radio to say the boat was 240 nautical miles west of Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Mr Severin is attempting the 6,500-mile journey to prove that ancient Chinese mariners could have sailed to the New World before Columbus.

The explorer had hoped to use computers and satellite fax to relay routine reports back to *The Times* in London and the Mariner's Museum in Virginia, America. On board the raft, made by Vietnamese shipwrights to designs from the third century BC, Mr Severin had installed solar panels, wind turbines and a battery of waterproof terminals and computers.

Gunman injures family's GP

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A GUNMAN was being hunted yesterday after a doctor was ambushed and shot in a country lane.

Police said that Gerald Flack, 64, a general practitioner, who was attacked in his car at his home in Bilting, Kent, and wounded in the right arm, only survived by pretending to be dead.

Officers want to question Leslie Smith, 48, of no fixed abode. They described him as dangerous and warned the public not to approach him.

Dr Flack, who had been starting his morning rounds when three shots were fired at him, was taken to hospital in Ashford. His condition was described as comfortable after an operation to remove a bullet. Police believe that the doctor was shot because Mr Smith blames him for the death of his mother.

Simon Austen, 24, an agricultural fitter, found the doctor lying in his car after hearing gunshots. "I went outside and saw the doctor there bleeding," Mr Austen said. "There was lots of blood. He told me he had been shot, and then told me to go back to his car to collect a first aid bag. Then he instructed me how to bandage his bleeding arm."

Mr Smith is described as about 5ft 11in tall, of medium to large build, with short grey hair, balding on top, a grey moustache and a ruddy complexion. He was wearing a cap and a camouflage flak jacket over scruffy clothes, and was armed with a revolver.

Police also appealed for a family in a blue Sherpa van, thought to have been in the area at the time of the shooting, to come forward with any information.

Judge brands banker a cad

BY A STAFF REPORTER

GENTLEMAN jockey Broderick Munro-Wilson was yesterday branded a "cad" by a High Court judge who gave him a 14-day suspended prison sentence for harassing his former fiancée.

Mr Justice Otton said he was satisfied that Munro-Wilson, 47 — a merchant banker who has played polo with the Prince of Wales and ridden in two Grand Nationals — had blatantly breached the spirit and letter of a court injunction imposed in April.

That ordered him to stop pestering or communicating with Samantha Bleby, 27, a fashion model, or going within 200 yards of either her home in Barnes, southwest London, or her parents' home in Esher, Surrey. Miss Bleby's counsel, Jonathan Crystal, said her lover of seven years had provided "scandalous" information about her to *The Sun*.

Munro-Wilson, a former SAS officer, of Little Venice, west London, stood to attention as the judge said: "With your background, even now one would expect you to behave like a gentleman and not as a cad, which is the way you have behaved towards Samantha."

Munro-Wilson presented his own case to the court. He said Miss Bleby's action was "both an outrage and entirely frivolous" and the allegation of contempt was "just a joke". He claimed she had brought the injunction as a means of avoiding her debts to him.

Mr Justice Otton extended the terms of the injunction and ordered Munro-Wilson to serve 14 days, suspended indefinitely, if he should breach it again.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Branson: Clever Dick?

Richard Branson is rich, successful and awfully nice. So nice, in fact, that it is hard to find a word said against him. Even at his goofiest, he still manages to be likeable. Last month he was

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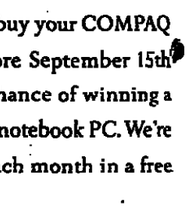

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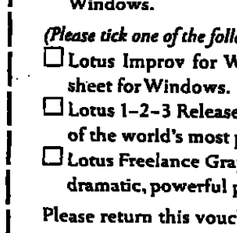

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Spymasters block snooper-proof mobile telephones

By Jamie Dettmer

■ MI5, which might or might not have recorded royal telephone conversations, is objecting to a new, secure system

BRITISH, French and German spymasters are forcing the manufacturers of a new European-wide mobile phone system to downgrade its technology and make it more vulnerable to eavesdroppers.

They are doing so after discovering that phone calls on the system, known as GSM, are scrambled so effectively that not even GCHQ, Britain's electronic listening post, is able to intercept conversations between drugs dealers and other criminals using the device.

GSM, which converts speech into digital pulses, is still being marketed as a "secure system", but independent electronic experts say that the encryption code will now be so weakened by the intervention of the intelligence services that firms which specialise in making decoding and scanning equipment will find it much easier to produce listening-in devices for sale to the public.

The alarm was first raised over the proposed digital phone systems, including GSM, by the FBI, which argued last year that it would not be able to keep track of drugs dealers and Mafia members.

"The bureau has argued for law enforcement agencies to be allowed to continue to access phone lines," said a spokesman. "We are worried that digital networks will cause us a problem down the road and that, even armed with court authorisation to tap a line, we will not be able to do so. We are in the early stages here and discussion is continuing."

GSM was developed in the 1980s by a consortium of European firms backed by the European Commission as a system which would allow a traveller to use the same mobile phone anywhere in Europe. The GSM standard has been agreed on by 18 European countries.

As concern has grown over the vulnerability of the current first-generation mobile phone networks and the ease with which calls on them can be intercepted, the GSM manufacturers and operators planning to use the new system, like Cellnet, have been keen to stress the security aspects of the new European all-digital network.

In response to a series of articles earlier this week in *The Times* warning mobile-phone users of the dangers of eavesdropping, a spokesman for Cellnet insisted that the encryption of GSM would be virtually impossible to crack.

When the system was inspected earlier this year at British Telecom's laboratories at Martlesham Heath, Suffolk, MI5 and GCHQ engineers deemed the system to be too secure. BT, which has to approve all phone equipment before it is sold in Britain, insisted on a downgrading of the code, thereby protecting the eavesdropping capabilities of GCHQ and of the listening post run by America's National Security Agency at Menwith Hill, near Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

MI5's French and German counterparts also complained to their governments over the proposed system and representations were made to the European Commission.

"Yes, there was a problem for the intelligence services," said Helmut Schmitt von Sydow, the spokesman for the EC's Telecommunications Committee. "We had developed a very good encryption technique and the security organisations found that they could not listen in to calls on GSM as they happened, but needed enormous computer power and weeks to crack each coded conversation. We are now funding the development of a less sensitive code."

MARC ASPLAND

Overshadowed: Ralegh's statue is dwarfed by the new tribute to Alanbrooke

Arise once more, Sir Walter

By John Young

SHOULD the statue of Sir Walter Ralegh be moved from its home in front of the defence ministry in Whitehall? Or should it be left to guard the place where the great adventurer is said to have been executed?

Lord St John of Fawsley, chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission, suggested in a letter to *The Times* yesterday that the statue should be moved. The commission had long thought it was too small for the site, and the new statue of Field Marshal Viscount Alanbrooke made Ralegh "look like a pygmy".

Lord St John said the commission had received offers to provide Sir Walter's statue with a new home in St Margaret's churchyard in Westminster, where he is buried; at the Tower of London; at his old home, Sherborne Castle, Dorset; and near Budleigh Salterton, Devon, where he was born.

The national heritage department said yesterday: "We recognise that the present site is not ideal, and we would consider any suggestions."

Fraudster jailed for EC fiddle

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

ONE of the biggest EC fraud trials ended yesterday with a Dutch rice importer being jailed for five years for a £480,000 plot.

Jai Benie, 41, was arrested in July 1989 after customs officers investigated the non-payment of import levies on rice cargoes from outside the EC. Benie, whose family came from Surinam, put up bail with a £725,000 deposit and then fled to Holland, forfeiting the cash.

The cash was eventually passed over to customs officials and has now been paid to the European Commission in lieu of a total of £1.1 million in import levies which customs officials say Benie did not pay.

Normally Benie, who lives in Lelystad in Holland, would have been safe because extradition cannot be made on tax or VAT offences but customs officers redrafted the charges and accused Benie of theft and forgery over the unpaid levies.

The Dutch authorities accepted 24 charges and Benie was sent back to Britain. He was convicted yesterday at Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London.

Yacht race sailor dived to his death

By A Staff Reporter

A CREWMAN deliberately dived and swam away from his yacht in the middle of the ocean during the British Steel Challenge round the world race, an enquiry was told yesterday.

Bill Vincent, 47, of Bath, made a "perfectly executed dive" from the *Heath Insured*, fellow crew member Adrian Rayson said. "He did not jump nor did he fall. The dive appeared to be a premeditated act."

Heath Insured was the last yacht to finish the circumnavigation, reaching Southampton Water yesterday. It had been thought Mr Vincent died after falling overboard. But Mr Rayson told a Department of Transport death enquiry that since leaving Cape Town on the last leg of the race, Mr Vincent had seemed preoccupied with a personal problem and appeared listless and depressed.

However, during the two days before his death on April 29 he had seemed in a better frame of mind. "I did not have a hint of his apparent desperate state of mind and his diving overboard was a tremendous shock," he said.

Mr Rayson told the hearing in Southampton that after diving off, Mr Vincent turned his head and looked back at the yacht: "He appeared to be making no effort to attract the attention of the crew."

Michael McDonnell, marine superintendent holding the enquiry, said the crew had made every effort to rescue Mr Vincent. "They could not have done more," he said.

Mr McDonnell made a formal finding that Mr Vincent, married with two sons, was lost at sea, believed drowned.

Vincent: appeared to be listless and depressed

Mother in stabbing denied bail

By Paul Wilkinson

A MOTHER accused of murdering a man she believed had raped her four-year-old daughter was yesterday refused bail, despite a plea by her solicitor that the child would be traumatised by the separation.

The woman, aged 40, was remanded in custody by magistrates at Wakefield, West Yorkshire, until June 4. She is accused of stabbing to death John Lockwood, 65, a week ago, after discovering that charges of rape and indecent assault against him had been dropped by the Crown Prosecution Service. He allegedly received a fatal wound to the chest and cuts to the genitals.

Magistrates rejected applications from Julie Allott, the woman's lawyer, that the child needed to be with her mother after the experiences of revealing details of the alleged assaults and seeing her mother taken into custody.

Reporting restrictions had been lifted on Monday when the mother, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, first appeared in court. Roger Stevenson, for the prosecution, said that the woman had talked of killing herself and her daughter and there was a fear that she might interfere with witnesses.

Maxwell home to be campus

By John Young

HEADINGTON Hill Hall, Robert Maxwell's former home, has a new tenant, it was announced yesterday. Oxford Brookes University, formerly Oxford Polytechnic, is believed to have paid £2 million for the lease.

Contracts for using the hall, an office block, several smaller buildings and 14 acres of landscaped grounds until 2077 have been exchanged between the university and Grant Thornton, the receiver responsible for selling the lease. The purchase has the support of the freeholder, Oxford City Council, and is expected to be completed within a few days.

The colonnaded hall, which has been described as French or Italian style, was built in 1851 by a brewer and acquired by the council after use as a wartime RAF hospital. In his expansive, party-throwing heyday, Maxwell delighted in describing himself as a council tenant.

The grounds contain a swimming pool, tennis courts and a helicopter pad. Most of the buildings are occupied by Pergamon Press, which the tycoon founded and which is due to move to new premises in Kidlington, Oxfordshire, in May next year.

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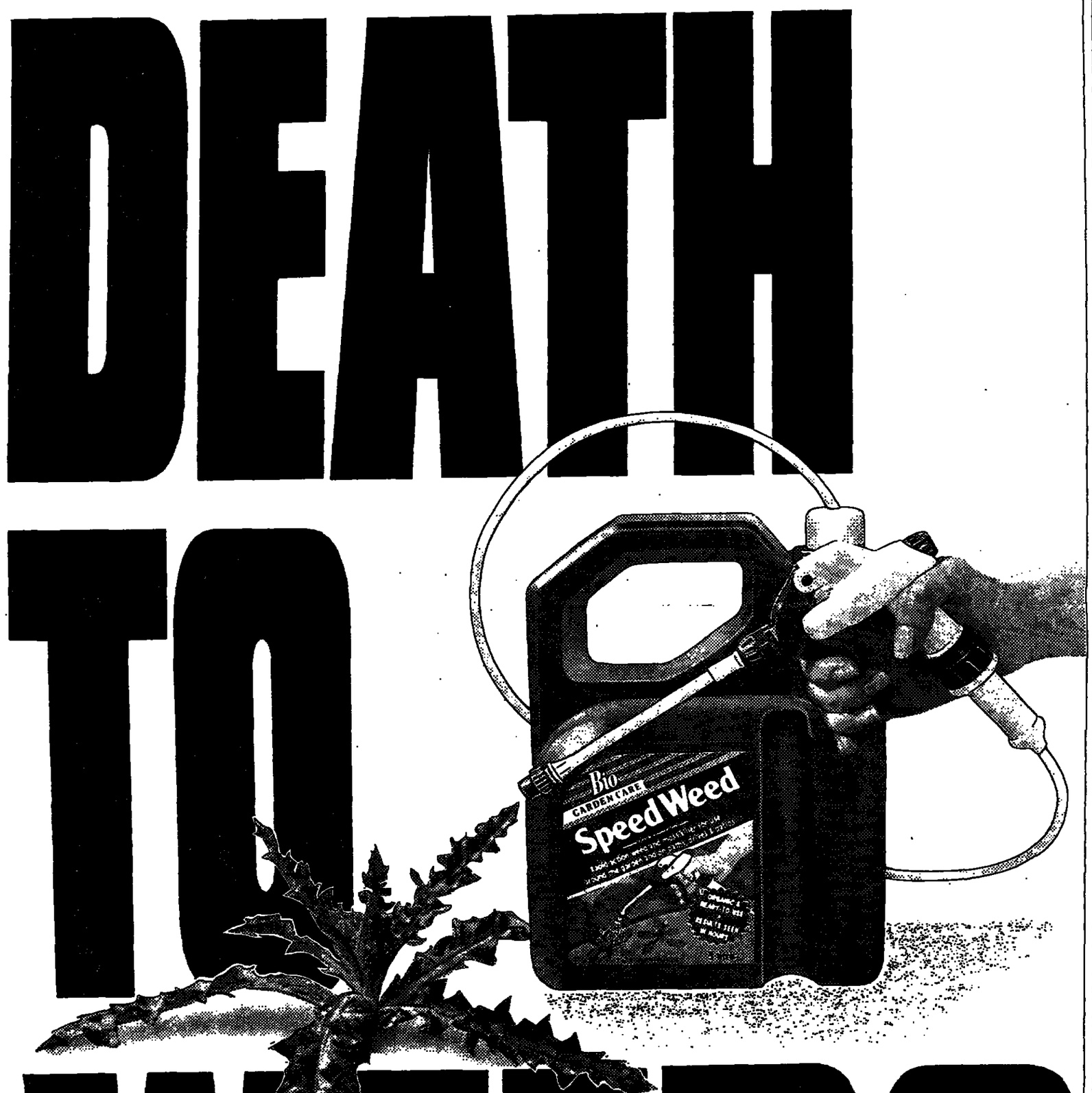

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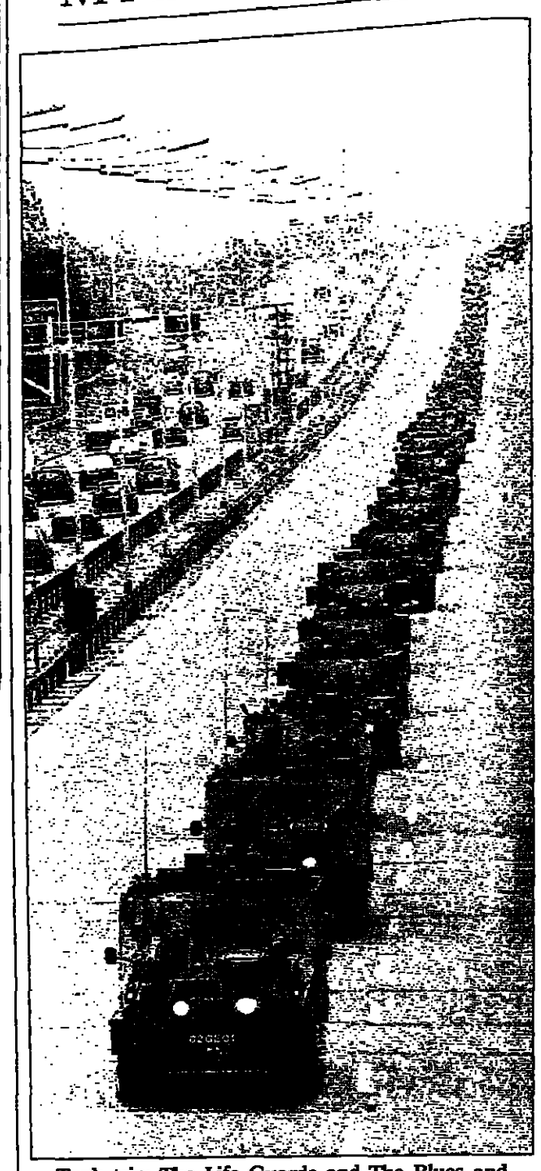

Tank trip: The Life Guards and The Blues and Royals in a 1,000-yard convoy along the M4 yesterday, returning to barracks in Windsor after receiving new colours from the Queen in London

Family faces knifeman in French court

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN BEAUVAIS

THE killer of Fiona Jones hid his face in his hands yesterday as gendarmes described the painstaking investigation that finally cracked the case and led to his arrest.

The packed court in Beauvais, northern France, heard how the body of the 26-year-old Welsh woman was first noticed by a rambler in the woods.

Frederic Blancke had buried her in a shallow grave after he slit her throat in August 1989. But when policemen finally uncovered the corpse months later, dogs or wild animals had already dug it up. Among the remains was found her wedding ring.

Blancke, now 26, listened as Georges Hugo, the chief of the local gendarmerie, outlined his three-month hunt for the killer. Initially, all his men had as clues were a £55 two-tone shoe left behind by Blancke and a description of a white Volkswagen Golf.

Operation Cinderella meant tracking thousands of serial numbers through shoe manufacturers. The gendarmes interviewed more than 4,000 people in cities all over France. Had Blancke not paid for his expensive footwear by credit card, it seems he would have got away with murder.

Meanwhile, some 1,500 owners of white Golfs were asked to account for their movements on the fateful morning. M Hugo said he was pleased with the extraordinary detective work by his officers. "Once we'd started, you see, there was nothing that could stop us. No matter what the cost, or how long it took, we were going to carry out the investigation to the end," he said.

Against normal French court procedure, Mark Jones, the husband of the victim, and Edward Cottrill, her father, were asked if they would like to address the court. Mr Jones, 30, explained how happy he and his young wife had been when they came on a business-holiday to celebrate their first wedding anniversary.

He told of how he and Fiona's family had formed a close unit in the months before the body was found, relying on each other for strength. "After her body was discovered, I think subconsciously we had all thought she was still alive. We had kept each other going with that thought," he said. Mr Jones remained calm during his testimony, almost to the very end. Then, his voice cracking, he seemed to break. "Everyone loved her," he said.

Edward Cottrill gave an emotional account of his daughter's life, recalling her love for animals. "All we have left of Fiona, which she left us the day she went to France, is her cat. Little Tom is all that we have left of her," he said.

Later, Mr Jones and the Cottrill family listened as Blancke described how he had strangled Fiona with his two hands. "I don't think she was moving when I left the scene."

The judge produced a meat knife with a wooden handle, which was shown to the jury and the victim's family. Blancke acknowledged it was the implement he used when he returned to the site to slash her throat. The court must decide whether his action was premeditated. The trial continues today.

Opera chiefs plead for show to go on

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

BRITAIN'S top opera managers are telling the government that proposed cuts in arts funding will lead to the cancellation of new productions, less touring and an end to newly commissioned works.

A bulky document has been sent to ministers, including John Major, detailing the disastrous effects of a cash reduction. It has also been circulated to leading figures in the arts world, but not made public. The paper is signed by Peter Jonas and Dennis Marks, the respective outgoing and incoming general managers of English National Opera; Nicholas Payne, outgoing general administrator of Opera North and incoming general manager of the Royal Opera; Richard Jarman, managing director of Scottish Opera; Anthony Whitworth-Jones, general administrator of Glyndebourne; and Matthew Epstein, general director of Welsh National Opera.

It sets out the implications for each company of a proposed 2 per cent cut in Arts Council funding next year and a probable freeze in 1995-6.

Mr Jonas said that, over two years, ENO would have to save about £1 million — equivalent to the cost of sets, props and costumes for a year's new productions and revivals. Welsh National Opera would have to cut touring, cancel new productions and end education work.

Mr Epstein, an American, said: "We want to say to government, 'you have something really extraordinary here: let's preserve it'."

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Crashed RAF Hercules had no black box recorder

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE investigation into the RAF Hercules crash which claimed the lives of nine airmen has been hampered by the lack of a black box flight recorder.

The RAF said there was no requirement to carry the flight recorders on military aircraft. "That may very well be something which is recommended by the investigations team," an RAF spokesman said.

Late on Thursday night, five bodies were recovered from wreckage strewn over the Tayside hillside north of Blair Atholl. Rescuers have given up hope of finding the remaining bodies, which are thought to have been incinerated in the blaze that followed the crash. Yesterday morning, heather on the hills of Glen Loch was still smouldering.

The plane crashed near Loch Loch in the shadow of 3,600ft Beinn a' Ghlo on the Duke of Atholl's 140,000-acre estate. It was on a routine training flight from RAF Lyneham to RAF Lossiemouth and was flying with two other Hercules which both returned safely. There was no Mayday call and the pilot was required to make radio contact only every half hour.

The dead men were all based at RAF Lyneham. A spokesman for the base said: "The whole of Lyneham is completely devastated. There are nearly 10,000 people here and it has upset all of us." He said expert counsellors would be on hand to help bereaved families. The mood was very sombre, he said.

The dead have been named as: Squadron Leader Graham Paul Young, 54, married, a pilot from Dorset; Sqn Ldr Stanley Duncan Muir, 49, married, a navigator from Midlothian; Flight Lieutenant Graham Robert John Southard, 33, married, a pilot from southeast London; Flying Officer Jonathan Huw Owen, 23, single, a pilot from Stratford-upon-Avon; Flt Lt Stephen Paul McNally, 27, married, a navigator from Wallasey; Master Engineer Terence John William Gilmore, 39, married, an air engineer from Humberside; Sergeant Craig Thomas Hilliard, 23, single, an air load master from Inverness; Sgt Alan Keith King, 32, married, an engineer from Cheshire; and Lance Corporal Gary Reginald Manning, 23, married, from London.

The Ministry of Defence said it was not known who had been in charge of the plane at the time of the crash, how high it was flying before it crashed or whether it was being controlled from the ground.

Experts said yesterday that human error rather than a technical fault was the most likely cause of the accident. The Hercules C-130 that crashed was 27 years old and is thought to have been flying at low levels, possibly no more than 250ft. The area in which it crashed is surrounded by 3,000ft mountains.

The RAF's 61 Hercules C-130s, or "Fat Alberts" as they are nicknamed, are fitted with four turbo-prop engines and can continue flying even if two fail. The ministry said there were no plans to ground any of the remaining fleet.

Investigators were combing an area the size of a football pitch for the missing bodies and for parts of the shattered plane. Two senior flying officers enquiring into the crash flew from RAF High Wycombe to the scene. They met three civilian investigators from the Air Accident Investigation Bureau based at Farnborough. A pathologist is among the team investigating the crash.

Fifteen members of RAF Kinloss mountain rescue team camped overnight on Thursday near the remote crash site ready to continue the search at dawn. They left exhausted at 5pm yesterday and 40 airmen from RAF Leuchars took over to guard the site. An air exclusion zone will be in operation for most of the weekend.

Garden full of thrills becomes top tourist attraction

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

ALTON Towers, the Staffordshire theme park that, with its roller-coasters, haunted houses and quiet gardens claims to cater for all ages of modern man, is now Britain's top tourist attraction.

The theme park easily beat the Tower of London, the Natural History Museum, St Paul's Cathedral and knocked Madame Tussaud's from its customary top spot with 2,501,379 visitors last year.

That was a 27 per cent rise on the previous year. The trade attributes the success to two new theme rides and to the opening in France of Euro Disney heightening awareness of Britain's theme parks. Madame Tussaud's waxworks, which like Alton Towers is owned by the Pearson Group, had become used to heading the British Tourist Authority's table of tourist attractions, but the rise of the park has proved irresistible.

Alton Towers was formerly the home of the Earls of Shrewsbury, with 200 acres of gardens that were nurtured over centuries and opened to the public in 1924. The first venture into popularising the place came soon afterwards with rowing boats for hire on the lake. It was not until the 1970s that Alton Towers offered a variety of rides and attractions that have been added to until it now boasts at least 125. Last year, £10 million was invested in two "hi-tech" rides.

The theme park's comparatively high charges — £13 per adult and £9.99 for a child — have proved no deterrent. Once past the gates, all attractions are free.

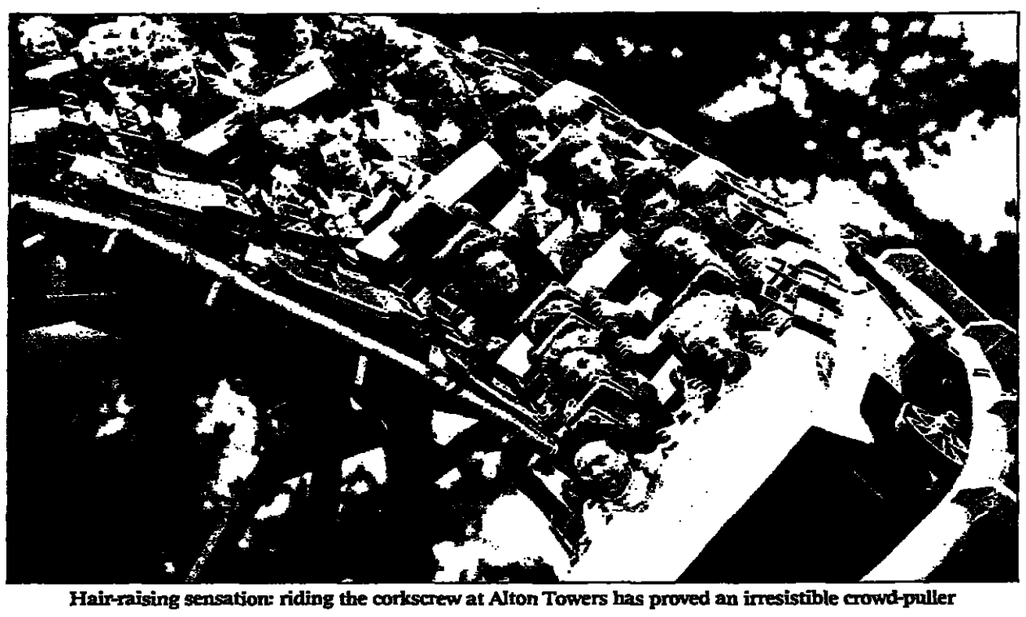
Nick Varney, the park's marketing director, said: "A theme park is all about escapism and we have proved that the British can not only build theme parks but do so in a way that is quintessentially British. Unlike the American attractions such as Disneyland and Disneyworld, we have a long heritage and have a real castle."

The policy has worked, with revenue up by 30 per cent last year despite the recession. At least 20 per cent of visitors come from the South East and half a million stay overnight in the Midlands. Foreign visitors doubled last year to 4 per cent of the total.

This bank holiday, the park expects a record number of visitors adding to the profits of Pearson, owner of three of Britain's top ten tourist attractions. As well as Alton Towers and Madame Tussaud's, it owns the Chessington World of Adventures, which dropped slightly last year to 1,170,000 visitors.

Other attractions, especially those with a heritage appeal to foreign visitors, also did well. The Tower of London, Hampton Court Palace and Windsor Castle reported an increase in visitors of over 10 per cent. Yet the recession took its toll. Steam railways were down 4 per cent and wildlife sites 8 per cent.

Among attractions not charging for entry, the British Museum, with 6.3 million visitors in the year, is still the most popular.



Hair-raising sensation: riding the corkscrew at Alton Towers has proved an irresistible crowd-puller

Most popular venues charging admission

1	Alton Towers
2	Madame Tussaud's
3	Tower of London
4	Nat Hist Museum
5	St Paul's Cathedral
6	Tower World Blackpool
7	Science Museum London
8	Chessington World of Adventures
9	Thorpe Park
10	Royal Academy

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Proceeding with my occasional series on all previous games between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short today's clash shows how dangerous Kasparov can be with the Black pieces. Having White in chess at a high level is rather like having the serve in tennis. When playing Black Kasparov counter-attacks just like Andre Agassi, who happens, incidentally, to be one of Kasparov's sporting heroes.

White: Nigel Short

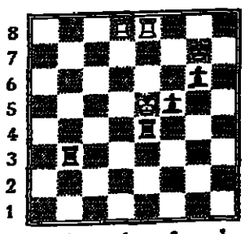
Black: Garry Kasparov
London Speed Chess Challenge (Game 2) 1987

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Be3	e6
7	f3	Nbd7
8	g4	h6
9	h4	b5
10	Rg1	g6
11	g5	hxg5
12	hxg5	Nh5
13	a4	b4
14	Nc6	Qc7
15	Nxb4	Bg7
16	Nd3	Rb8
17	Ne2	Nc5
18	Nxc5	dxc5
19	Rb1	Bd7
20	c3	Be5
21	Rg4	Ng3
22	Bg2	Rh2
23	Kf2	Nxe2
24	Qxe2	Bxc3
25	Bf4	Be5
26	Bxe5	Qxe5
27	Kg1	Rh5
28	Qd2	Bxa4
29	f4	Qd4+
30	Qxd4	cxd4
31	Bf1	Bc2
32	Ra1	Bxe4
33	Bg2	Bxg2
34	Rxg2	Rh4
35	Rf2	Rg4+
36	Kh2	e5
37	bxe5	Ke7
38	Kh3	Rxg5
39	Kh4	Rxe5
40	Rea6	Rb7
41	Raf6	Ke8
42	Rd6	Reb5
43	Re2+	Kf8
44	Rxd4	Rxb2
45	Rd8+	Kg7
46	Ree8	Rf7b4+
47	Kg3	R4b3+
48	Ki4	Rf2+
49	Kg4	f5+
50	Kg5	Rg2+
51	Kf4	Rg4+
52	Ke5	Re4+

White resigns

Diagram of final position



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Scottish centenary

Thousands of pounds are available in prize money at two chess events in Scotland starting in July. The Centenary Scottish Chess Congress at St. Andrews runs from July 10 - 18. To enter contact George Anderson, 39 Morningside Park, Edinburgh EH10 5EZ. The 1993 Borders Chess Congress at Hawick is from July 30 - August 1. The contact is Jim Taylor, 18 Galalaw Road, Hawick TD9 8DT

The Papers

"Tennis is the hardest and most vicious game around, apart from chess" - John Lloyd in the Evening Standard.

Championship Update

Grandmaster Yuri Averbakh, a former vice-President of FIDE and President of the USSR Chess Federation has agreed to officiate with Bob Wade OBE as co-chief arbiter of The Times World Chess Championship.

Shakers and movers

Among well-known chess players: Lord Callaghan, Patrick Moore, Tom Stoppard, Tim Rice. More in future columns.

To book your seat for The Times World Chess Championship match between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short ring First Call on 071 497 9977. Lines are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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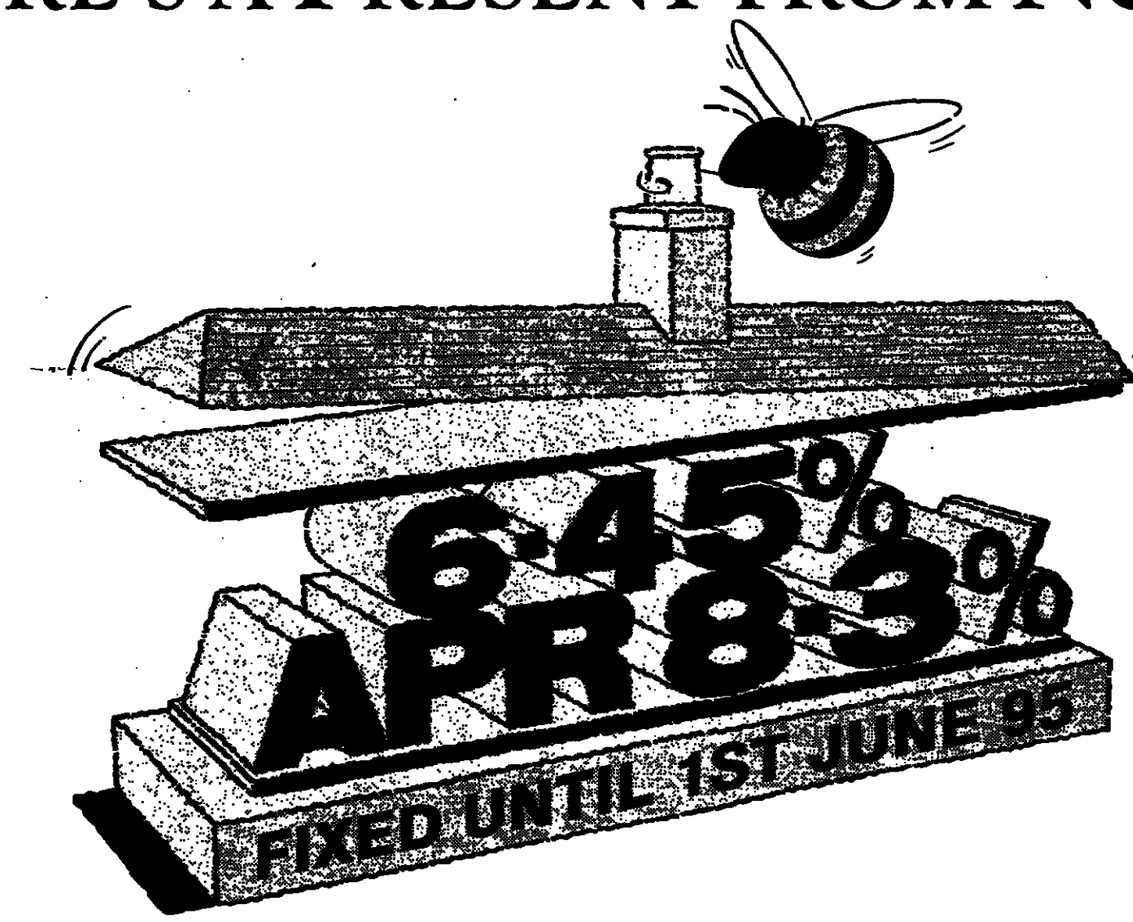

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Crime watch: Lord Taylor reviewing his first year in charge yesterday

Taylor defends the right to choose trial by jury

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

■ Lord Taylor of Gosforth is projecting the judiciary's new openness by suggesting changes to the criminal justice system

THE Lord Chief Justice yesterday rejected calls made by the Director of Public Prosecutions for defendants to lose the right to choose trial by jury, although he agreed that the criminal justice system might be weighted too heavily in their favour.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth indicated that he would favour modification of the right to silence and greater disclosure of the defence case as part of changes to the criminal justice system now being studied by a Royal Commission.

He also predicted that the result of a consultation period on court dress and the wearing of wigs would be an experimental change in which wigs would not be worn in certain circumstances.

At a press conference marking his first year in office, the Lord Chief Justice criticised, without naming them, Conservative ministers and government officials who had ignored the judiciary's views on two controversial sections of the Criminal Justice Act that are now being altered.

Senior members of the judiciary had drawn attention to "the flaws" in the sections only now being amended. Lord Taylor added: "The judiciary was consulted. I am afraid that a great deal of what they suggested was not heeded."

He said that the system of unit fines, which is to be abolished, had fettered magistrates by imposing an arithmetical formula on penalties.

In an hour-long press conference at the Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand, Lord Taylor opposed calls by Barbara Mills QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, for defendants to lose the right to jury trial and for the introduction of a a sytem of sentence discounts for guilty pleas, known as plea bargaining.

Lord Taylor, seated at a desk in a room with bookcases lined with law reports and decorated with a display of dried flowers, said: "We have, since Magna Carta, had the right of every citizen to be tried by his peers for anything which is of considerable importance. Those that are now, possibly with one or two modifications, really ought to remain."

It might be more convenient for all those, including himself, involved in managing the courts to bring in the change but he did not think it was in the interests of justice to abolish a defendant's right to trial by jury.

With the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice due to report during the next two months, Lord Taylor said he hoped it would put forward recommendations to make the trial process more realistic. There were views that at present the odds were perhaps too heavily weighted in favour of defendants in terms of disclosure and in terms of the embargo on commenting on a defendant who refrained from giving evidence.

"I think we do have to recognise a trial is not a game and the object is to see that a fair result is achieved and therefore we need to reconsider the balance in the criminal trial," he said.

He supported demands from the police for the defence to disclose its case earlier and for the right to comment if it "trailed in very late" with some new defence.

Lord Taylor said that the disclosure of material to the defence was causing difficulties because of the mountain of documents in some cases. He did not, however, favour reducing the requirements. "The difficulty is in balancing the criminal process so as to be fair, reasonable, realistic and expeditious."

He supported the creation of an independent unit to investigate alleged miscarriages of justice and refer them to the Court of Appeal.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Suicide note student disappears

THE mother of a student who disappeared during examinations, leaving a suicide note, yesterday pleaded for him to return. Police believe that Henry O'Bree, 20, is still alive four days after vanishing from Manchester University during his first year of reading art history.

Diana O'Bree, of South Oxfordshire, said at a news conference: "Hens, darling, wherever you are, please come home." She added: "We have no idea why this has happened. He is quite an intense person."

The university said the mark for the examination paper that Mr O'Bree completed was higher than average. Police said that the 6ft 2in student was driving his dark red VW Golf and may have headed for the Lake District.

Pavlova refusal

Golders Green crematorium, north London, has declined to let Russia have the ashes of the ballerina Anna Pavlova, who died in 1931. The crematorium board said it would not consider the request while her homeland was so turbulent.

Killer jailed

A woman was jailed for eight years by Hove Crown Court for killing her stepdaughter, aged two, by smashing her head against a wall. Abena Bowley, 25, of Littlehampton, West Sussex, had denied manslaughter and cruelty.

Irish first

Dawson Stelfox, 34, an architect in Belfast, became the first Irishman to reach the summit of Everest. His 12½ hour climb came on the 72nd day of an expedition by an eight-strong team from Ireland.

PC sentenced

PC Nigel Mills, 30, of Bournemouth, who stole £26,000 from the bank account of a widow he befriended after she was burgled, was jailed for nine months at Winchester.

Crowning sale

A ruby and diamond necklace from the French crown jewels was sold for £840,135 at Christie's in Geneva.

Happy end to rat's tale of robbery

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

A TEENAGER who tried to hold up an off-licence with his pet rat as a weapon was sentenced to 18 months' detention yesterday. The rat, which escaped in the fracas, fared better: it was adopted by one of the store's staff.

James Bryce, 18, said to have been intoxicated with alcohol and lighter fuel, pulled the rat from his pocket and, demanding cash, held it in the face of Katherine Haggart, manageress of a Victoria Wine shop in Edinburgh.

Bryce fled and was arrested near by. The rat fled too but was found two days later and adopted by Audrey Ellis, who breeds rats.

At Edinburgh Sheriff Court Bryce, from Inverness, admitted assaulting four members of staff with intent to rob.

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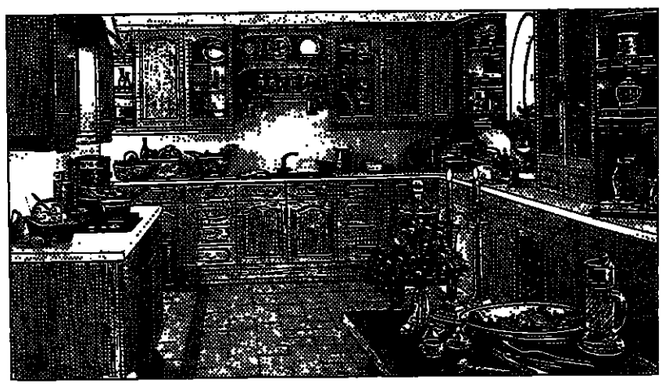

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Credo

Bishops must end danger of collapse

George Austin

The Church of England is in its most serious crisis since the Reformation. It was a crisis waiting to happen, and the decision of the General Synod on November 11, 1992, to admit women to the order of priesthood was the catalyst rather than the cause. But it has been immeasurably deepened by those delighted by the synod's decision, in their triumphalism, insensitivity, and apparent inability to comprehend the opponents.

Much will depend on the synod's House of Bishops if crisis is not to become collapse, and the "put-up or shut-up or get-out" statements of the more acidic bishops do not bode well for the future. The archbishops speak of the need to honour the "two integrities" within the church, and they encourage the bishops to make appointments from both sides.

Already there is enough evidence to show this to be a vain hope. The surprise is not that a few have chosen to put ambition before principle, but that nearly 4,000 clergy have had the courage to make their opposition public. It would be foolish to ignore the conscientious needs of over a third of the active clergy.

But the real crisis is one of authority. Does a church which claims to be "part of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church" have the authority to overturn unilaterally a 2,000-year-old tradition? Many in the General Synod would answer yes, and indeed one senior lawyer in its membership has argued that, in law, if the synod decided that Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead, then that would be the doctrine of the Church of England.

To assume such authority for change indicates a readiness for a challenge to the authority of scripture. Already the fashionable but erroneous concept that it is the world, rather than God, which writes the church's agenda, has eaten away at this basic principle.

Official reports on moral and theological issues show that while those who produce them would accept the need to look to scripture, reason and tradition as the fundamental authorities, they would tend to give primacy to reason rather than to scripture. Thus the secular overwhelms the sacred. Yet I do believe that God guided the synod in November — not to ordain women, but to bring this crisis into the open, in preparation for a new reformation as fundamental as that in the 16th and 17th centuries. It is a challenge shared in some degree by every important denomination, and will lead in the next decade to a realignment — not between those who ordain women and those who refuse so to do, not between Catholic and Protestant, not by new groupings of churches in a semblance of unity.

Rather, it will be a realignment through a schism between orthodox and liberal, between those who accept the primacy of scriptural authority and those who do not, between those who refuse to conform to the world and those who seek it. I thank God that November sets us on this path to renewal.

☐ *The Ven George Austin is Archdeacon of York.*

☐ Christina Rees, a General Synod lay member, will respond next week

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ITALIANS RALLY AGAINST CULTURAL TERRORISM AS RESCUE OPERATION BEGINS TO SAVE UFFIZI GLORY

Rome vows to track down 'shameful' Florence bombers

BY JOHN PHILLIPS IN FLORENCE AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MORE than 100,000 people filed through Florence yesterday expressing contempt for the perpetrators of a car bomb attack on the Uffizi Gallery. Officials said that the museum could reopen partially within two weeks.

The explosion early on Thursday is interpreted as a return to the "strategy of tension" of the 1970s and early 1980s in which shadowy right-wingers linked to the secret services and organised crime carried out a series of bomb attacks that were aimed at destabilising the country and preventing the Communist party entering government.

Press speculation was that the bomb in the Via Georgofili which killed five people, including two children, was part of a Mafia strategy to ease state pressure on Sicily, where the Cosa Nostra has suffered a number of setbacks. "For the moment, I would not speak only of Mafia," said Pier Luigi Vigna, the magistrate investigating the bombing.

President Scalfaro visited the scene yesterday as thousands of Florentines staged the most impressive demonstration that the city has seen in 20 years. The crowd surged into the Piazza Santa Croce, where trade union leaders and Giorgio Morales, the mayor of Florence, observed a minute's silence in memory of the dead. A four-hour general protest strike by unions closed down much of the city.

In Rome, the Italian flag flew at half-mast in mourning on the Palazzo Chigi, the office of the prime minister, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, who promised "a firm reply" to what he called a "shameful gesture" designed to ruin the image of Italy abroad. The Pope sent a message condemning what he called the inhuman violence of the bombing. Mass rallies were also staged in Naples, Milan, Brescia and Bologna demanding an end to terrorist outrages after the three biggest unions proclaimed a two-hour strike against what they branded a terror campaign to stop Italy's efforts to clean up its politics.

Commentators remarked that the attack and another car bomb that went awry in Rome on May 14 coincided with the greatest period of political change in Italy in two decades. Much of a corrupt political class has been swept away by voters and investigating magistrates, but the attack has renewed fear of a possible coup d'etat. "Italy is afraid," said the *La Stampa* headline. Pundits are already busy predicting where the bombers will strike next.

The Uffizi staff yesterday produced a definitive list of the works destroyed and damaged. The three paintings that were completely destroyed were identified as *Adoration of the Shepherds*, by Gherardo Delle Notti, and *Card Players* and *Concerto*, works by Manfredi. The titles of the three destroyed works were erroneously identified by the authorities as other paintings on Thursday. Police were last night hunting for a young man seen running away from a narrow alley where the bomb exploded. Witnesses reported seeing the tall, suntanned man jumping into a small car which reversed out of a street near by at speed. The man, said to be in his twenties, was carrying a white bag.

A police drawing of the suspect showed a man with dark, short-cropped hair, high cheekbones, a long straight nose and a narrow eyes. Investigators are checking it against photokits assembled after the recent suspected Mafia bombing in Rome. The man was first spotted near the van in which the bomb was hidden and aroused suspicion because of the speed with which he escaped from the scene. On May 14, a bomb destroyed a Rome block of flats, injuring 23 people.

Nicola Mancino, the interior minister, told parliament that the government would not rest until it identified the bombers behind a terrorist strategy intent on striking at Italy's image abroad, stopping tourism and damaging it financially. Yesterday, the cabinet approved 30 billion lire (£13 million) in emergency funds for Florence. The money will be used mainly to restore the Uffizi and repair 30 paintings cut by flying glass.

Closed circuit television is being installed to guard the Leaning Tower of Pisa in the wake of the Florence blast. The tower is the first of Italy's great monuments to receive extra protection after what Giovanni Spadolini, the senate leader, branded "cultural terrorism". The area surrounding Pisa's 800-year-old tower and the adjoining cathedral will also be closed to the public between 11pm and 7am.

The saddest walk, page 1

Scalfaro: visited scene of Florence devastation

Mortal masterpiece: *The Death of Adonis*, by Sebastiano del Piombo, said to have been slashed horizontally in the Florence blast

Disaster highlights restoration controversy

Marcus Binney, Heritage Correspondent, describes the painstaking fine art of saving great paintings and why it engenders such strong passions among its practitioners

THE devastation caused to the Uffizi Gallery in Florence raises important questions over both the techniques and the ethics of picture conservation.

Paintings that will need restoration include Giotto's *Madonna della Costa*, finished in 1300, *The Death of Adonis* by Sebastiano del Piombo, a follower of Michelangelo, and a Rubens' picture of Henry IV of France at the battle of Ivry.

Where a damaged painting is not a complete write-off, the first move is to consolidate all the remaining paint surface carefully. This is done with facing paper laid over the surface to keep the paint on the canvas. Second, if enough of the old canvas remains, it will be lined, or relined, with a new canvas laid on top of the old canvas or lining. Occasionally, canvas will be picked away from the paintwork, but this is usually done only in small areas, and exceptionally on whole paintings. Next, the canvas will be turned the right way up and the facing paper removed piece by tiny piece, and the paint bonded to the canvas.

The most contentious issue concerns areas of complete paint loss. The Italians, faced with many frescoes heavily restored in the 19th century, have removed the overpainting, and adopted a technique of *tratteggio*, cross-hatching of lost areas in an appropriate colour. A similar philosophy of "non-deceptive retouching" prevails in the conservation of oil paintings. By contrast, in England, France and Germany, the usual approach is to conserve the painting in such a way that the newly conserved areas do not distract the eye from the enjoyment of the painting as a whole — a form of invisible mending, or, as the Italians would say, deceptive retouching. "If the restorer insists on too visible a distinction between original work and retouched areas, he can make himself obtrusive," according to Ian McClure, of the Hamilton Kerr Institute of Picture Restoration in Cambridge.

All leading conservators of both schools of thought are agreed that any conservation or retouching should be reversible, that is capable of being removed without damaging the earlier paintwork.

At the Hamilton Kerr Institute, retouching is done in tempura. The Getty Foundation uses water colour. If oil paint were applied on oil, it would in time become impossible to separate. Mr MacClure said: "We use tempura on top of the varnished layer. You can build it up in very thin layers to match the original artist's colour and texture."

The Getty Foundation also makes use of high-quality colour photographic enlargements, projected actual size over a damaged canvas, so a conservator can achieve an almost perfect match of texture. In some instances, moulds have been taken of paint surface to achieve an exact simulation. In earlier centuries, restorers, who were often artists themselves, tended to be less concerned with the preservation of original paintwork and more interested in achieving a satisfactory overall effect. "There is very little written in detail on the history of restoration. Restorers tend to be very secretive people," Mr MacClure said.

Today, picture conservators are becoming ever more familiar with paintings in a state of crisis, whether as a result of fires, such as those which struck Hampton Court and Windsor Castle, or the aftermath of terrorism, civil war, and revolution. In Bucharest, British conservators, invited to advise on restoration, found paintings studded with bullets and shrapnel.

One thing is certain: repair will take a long time.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rutskoi visitors barred

Moscow: Kremlin guards under orders from President Yeltsin stopped Aleksandr Rutskoi, his rebel vice-president, from meeting journalists in the Kremlin yesterday in the latest twist in a cold war between the two men.

Andrei Fyedorov, an aide to Mr Rutskoi, said that about 15 other visitors to the vice-president had been prevented from entering the Kremlin to meet him this week.

An aide to Sergei Filatov, Mr Yeltsin's administration chief, argued that Mr Rutskoi's office had probably submitted its request to admit the visitors too late. The news conference had been called on Wednesday. *(Reuter)*

UN expands

New York: The United Nations has welcomed Eritrea, which gained independence this week, and Monaco as new members, raising its membership to 183. Monaco had had observer status since 1955. Crown Prince Albert will head the principality's delegation at the UN. *(Reuter)*

Smoking curbed

Stockholm: Sweden's parliament has voted to outlaw tobacco advertising and ban smoking in schools and hospitals, but did not impose an age restriction on buying cigarettes. The tobacco industry said the ban favours foreign brands advertised in imported periodicals. *(Reuter)*

Gorbachev trip

Paris: Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet president, has arrived in Paris for a five-day visit during which he will join President Mitterrand on his annual pilgrimage to his former Resistance hideout in Burgundy. *(Reuter)*

Royal meeting

Istanbul: King Juan Carlos, making a three-day state visit to Turkey, has held the first meeting between a Spanish monarch and Turkey's Sephardic Jews since Ferdinand and Isabella, the Catholic monarchs, expelled the Jews in 1492. *(Reuter)*

Polls show Spanish election wide open

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

OPINION polls continued to offer tantalising possibilities yesterday for Spain's smaller parties in the general election, to be held a week tomorrow, with the ruling Socialists and the centre-right Popular party, the main opposition, each forecast to win about 33 per cent of the vote.

The mandate to tackle Spain's worst economic crisis since the civil war also depends, however, on 20 per cent of the electorate of 30 million, many of whom are wavering between the two main parties, which are putting forward similar ideas.

José María Aznar, 40, leader of the Popular party, might edge ahead on Monday if he repeats his fortuitous success in this week's televised debate with Felipe González, 51, prime minister for the past ten years. Señor González, looking tired, failed to respond to criticism.

His ideologically divided party is embroiled in an illegal funding scandal, while 3.3 million are unemployed, the public deficit is soaring, consumer bank loans are at 15 per cent and inflation is near 6 per cent. In addition, despite the latest devaluation of the peseta in mid-election, continued pressure may force it to leave the European exchange-rate mechanism.

The merging political power brokers are now Julio Anguita, 56, the communist leader of the United Left, who may get up to 30 seats, and Miguel Roca, 53, the Madrid candidate for Convergència i Unió (CiU), the Catalan nationalist party, which is predicted to return 20 deputies to the 350-seat congress.

The scenario involving the United Left would be a Socialist defeat, with Señor González forced to resign by party rebels who join the United Left and Basque nationalists to outnumber the Popular party. The alternative could be a Socialist alliance with the Catalans, who prefer Señor González but who could switch if a strong Popular party showing offers greater incentives.

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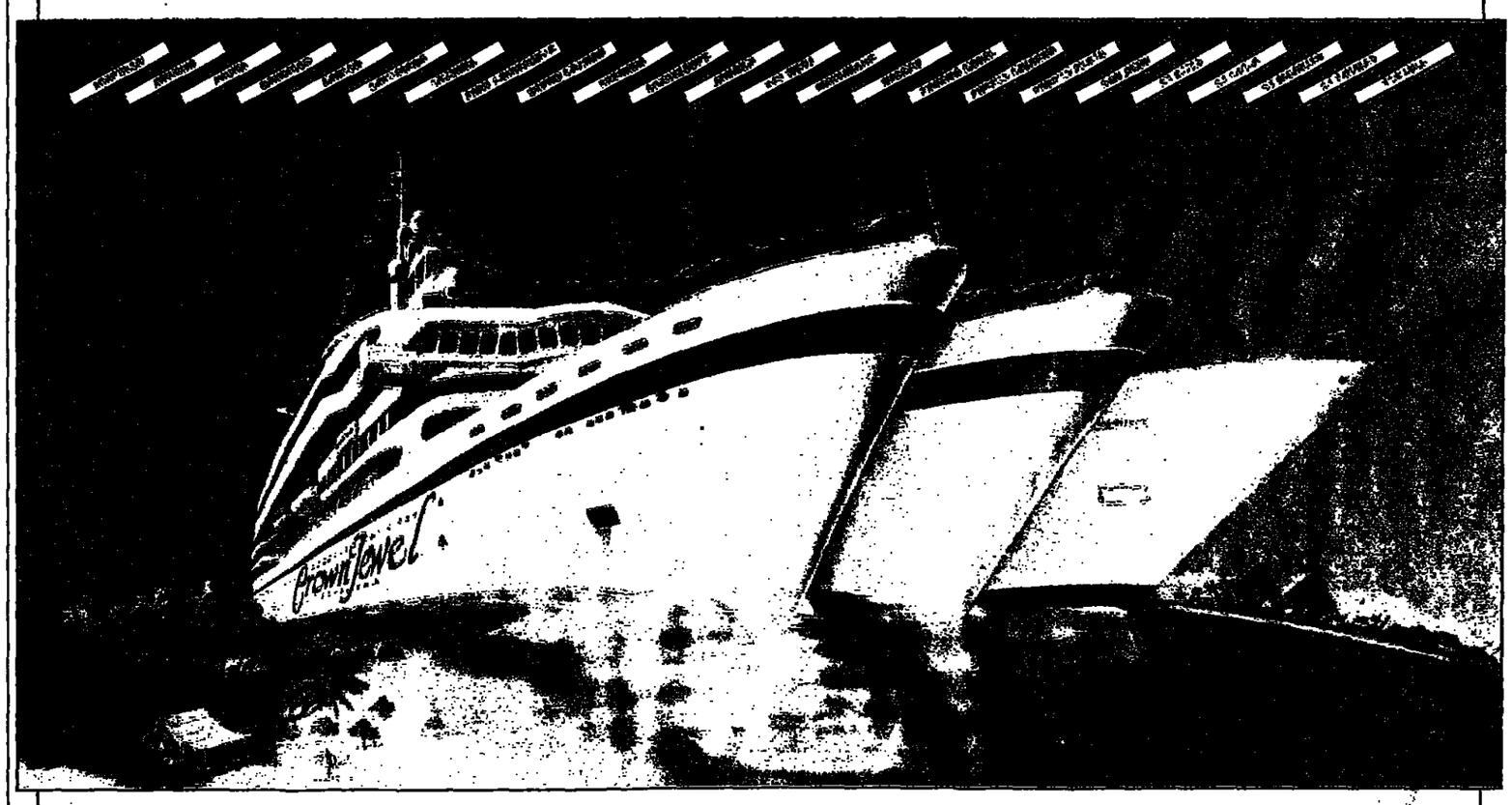

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UN and Americans discuss air relief mission to Maglaj

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BELGRADE

UNITED Nations relief officials were yesterday discussing starting relief air drops to the northern Bosnian town of Maglaj with the American military. It has been cut off for two weeks because of heavy shelling. Planes would take off from the Rhein-Main air base in Germany, where the relief air drop effort to towns such as Srebrenica and Gorazde is based.

Relief supplies now reach Maglaj mainly from the Muslim-controlled town of Zenica in central Bosnia. But the recent outbreaks of heavy fighting between previously allied Bosnian Croats and Muslim militias have turned much of the region into a virtually impassable war zone, with rival checkpoints set up a few hundred yards away from each other and continual sniping.

However, extending the air drop is also a hazardous undertaking and not just for the air crews. Two people were killed and eight wounded earlier this week by an aid crate parachuted onto the besieged enclave of Srebrenica. Four people were killed at the start of this month by an aid container dropped onto Goradze, in southwest Bosnia. Other relief supplies delivered by air drop have landed behind Serb lines, providing ready-to-eat meals for the besiegers instead of the besieged.

Bosnian Serb artillery continued to pound Maglaj yesterday. Sarajevo radio reported fighting spreading across northern and central Bosnia around the towns of Tuzla, Brcko and Olovo, and heavy clashes within Sarajevo. Bosnian Serb officers accuse Muslim fighters of launching a fresh attack on the northern Bosnian town of Doboj, the Belgrade-based Tanjug news agency reported.

The eleventh day of the onslaught against Maglaj came after UN officials said that 32,000 people were under siege in the latest Bosnian town to come under heavy and sustained attack from Serb forces. On average, five people a day are being killed, food supplies are running desperately low, and supplies of electricity and running water are reduced to 90 minutes a day.

Fighting also erupted across Sarajevo and six people were reported injured after a recent lull in the fighting that saw residents return to pavement cafés and bars in a temporary attempt to reclaim the city streets. The fresh fighting began as the latest round of talks between the Bosnian Serbs, Muslim and Croat commanders to discuss the military disengagement of the Bosnian capital collapsed.

Fighting in the Bosnian town of Mostar died down and a fresh round of talks on a joint command for the town was scheduled for last night. The two sides exchanged up to 400 soldiers captured during recent fighting.

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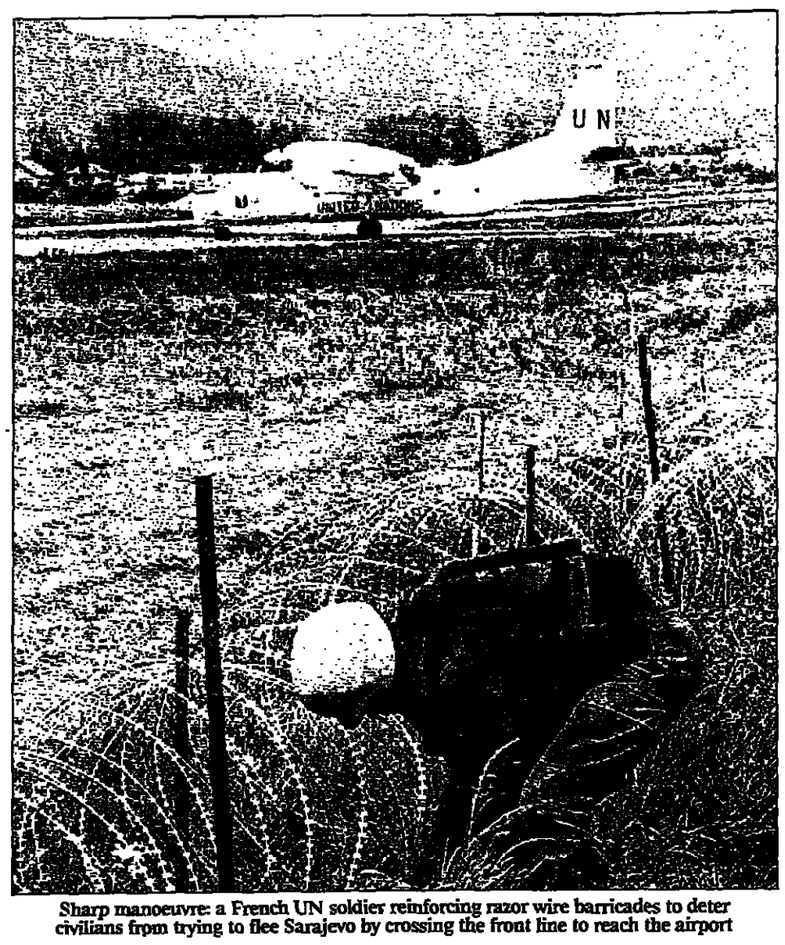


Sharp manoeuvre: a French UN soldier reinforcing razor wire barricades to deter civilians from trying to flee Sarajevo by crossing the front line to reach the airport

UK soldier fires back in Vitez sniper battle

■ The British commander, caught in his UN camp between Croat and Muslim forces, is facing a severe test of his authority amid the constant threat of danger to his troops

FROM MICHAEL EVANS IN VITEZ

A SOLDIER at the British camp in Vitez opened fire on snipers after Croat and Muslim gunmen engaged in a fierce battle at night, over the heads of troops.

The soldier, a non-commissioned officer, was standing next to two armoured Warrior vehicles, on sentry duty at the main gate on Thursday night, when he came under direct fire. Lieutenant Colonel Alastair Duncan, commanding officer of the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire battalion group in Bosnia, said that the NCO had identified the direction of the firing.

"He believed he and his [Warrior] crew were in danger, so he went into a crouched position and fired three shots," Colonel Duncan said, adding it was the first time that any of his men had returned fire from the base. The three rounds fired at a house across the road from the camp's main gate, where Croat HVO soldiers are positioned, "calmed the whole area".

The exchange of fire between Muslims on a hill overlooking the camp and the Croats opposite the base had begun shortly after 10pm. The NCO fired back at about 11pm, and the shooting then stopped.

Colonel Duncan said that the NCO had acted according to the rules of engagement, which allow UN soldiers to return fire if they are directly targeted. "If the camp is engaged again, I'll fire again," he said.

The rules of engagement, listed on an orange card carried by every soldier, involve more options for opening fire than those given to British troops operating under yellow card guidelines in Northern Ireland. United Nations troops have the option to fire warning shots. However, in Ulster, soldiers facing a threat to their lives are expected to fire back at their assailants.

During the Muslim-Croat battle — which involved small arms, grenades, rocket-propelled grenades, and machineguns — several bullets hit the camp. It was the second big clash between the two sides around the camp in about a week.

With Croat and Muslim snipers now shooting at each other almost every day, over the heads of soldiers based in the British camp, Colonel Duncan has been set his first serious test. There is supposed to be an agreement between the local commanders of the Muslim and Croat combatants, under which no military action should take place within 500 yards of the British camp.

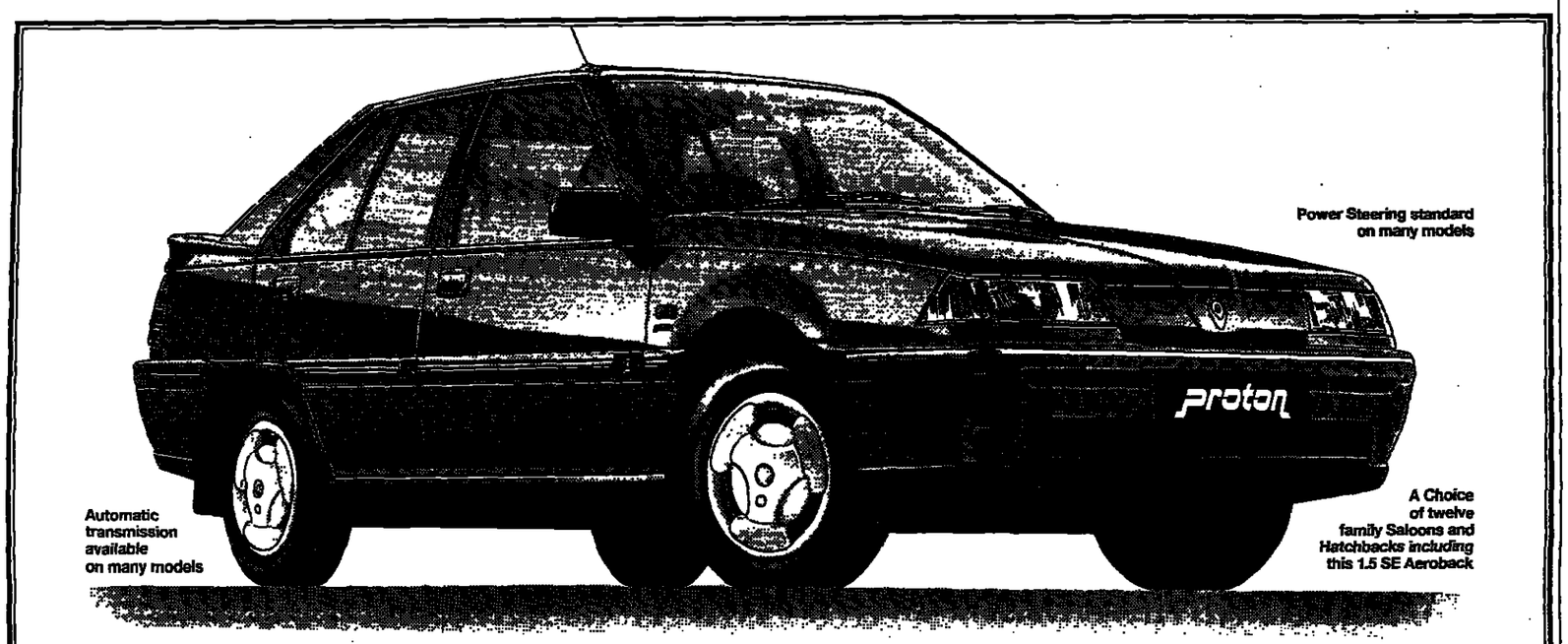
As the shooting continued, two Warriors were dispatched to the houses across the road. The 30-ton vehicles drove through the front gardens, and their commanders placed the barrels of their 30mm Rarden cannons on the window sills. "In a brief conversation, the snipers were invited to stop shooting," a British officer said.

Yesterday, new steps were being taken to increase security measures at the camp. Warriors flattened the remains of a house 50 yards from the main gate, which had obscured the view from the camp of the HVO sniper's house. Colonel Duncan said: "The building was demolished to improve the arc of observation. We thought it prudent to knock it down."

The house had been hit by mortar fire during a two-hour "ethnic cleansing" operation by Croats against Muslim families about a week ago. The Croat snipers are positioned in a former Muslim house, with an HVO flag flying from the roof.

British soldiers have become aware in the past few days that a new sniper rifle is being used near the camp. It is thought to be a high-powered Russian Dragunov.

☐ Helicopter down: An Mi8 (Hip) helicopter was forced down near Tuzla, in north-eastern Bosnia, by two Turkish F16s yesterday. However, the helicopter turned out to be on an authorised flight and was not in breach of the rules covering the no-fly zone.



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Poland's Thatcher falls in no-confidence vote

BY PAT KOZA IN WARSAW AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

■ The reforming right-winger, Hanna Suchocka, has succumbed to the same Solidarity union that helped her to power. Lech Walesa is again cast as the kingmaker

HANNA Suchocka, the Polish prime minister, lost a no-confidence vote in parliament yesterday and submitted her resignation to President Walesa, precipitating the country's greatest political crisis since the end of communist rule in 1989.

The Sejm (lower house) voted 223-198 with 24 abstentions against the government, exactly the margin needed under the voting rules to defeat her. The no-confidence motion, ironically, was brought by deputies of the Solidarity union that helped put her in office 11 months ago. Solidarity has been seeking pay increases for public-sector workers, which Ms Suchocka had steadfastly refused because there is no money in the budget.

The government would have survived if a deputy of the ruling coalition, Zbigniew Dyka, had not been late for the vote.

Ms Suchocka, 47, was an obscure MP when she took office last June. During her tenure, Poland's gross national product began to grow, the first post-communist country to show that success, and she was able to win the confidence of the International Monetary Fund. The first woman to head a Warsaw government, she earned the title of "Poland's Thatcher" for standing up to union unrest.

The administration's fall, the fourth to go in about as many years, has placed Mr Walesa in the kingmaker role once again. Under the interim constitution, the president has the right to designate a new prime minister if the chamber fails to name a replacement, or to dissolve parliament.

A government source suggested that Mr Walesa was moving towards the latter, while keeping Ms Suchocka's government in a caretaker role. But the constitution is not clear on how long the Sejm has to find a new prime minister, and parliamentarians contend they still have the right to propose one.

Ms Suchocka, who the previous day had said that the fall of her government would be "dangerous to the state" because the parliamentary opposition had neither an alternative programme nor a candidate, was clearly distressed by the vote. "It's a pity that in such a brutal way, the Sejm disrupted the operation of this government," she said.

At the heart of the political crisis is the fragmented parliament, which has made it nearly impossible to form a majority government since the 1991 elections, which put 29 political parties in the Sejm. A new electoral law is making its way through parliament that would set thresholds of 5 per cent of the national vote for parties, and 8 per cent for coalitions, to be seated. That would limit substantially the number of parties and make it easier to form a government. There was confusion and a sense of "What next?" after the vote. One MP said: "We have gone into a black hole."

A radio station reported calls running 2-1 against Ms Suchocka's defeat, mirroring other surveys showing Poles have little stomach for yet another new government and more dispiriting turmoil. The public consistently lists the fractious parliament as the least popular political institution, well below the government, president or army. An instant spot survey showed 60 per cent wanted the government to stay.

However, if Mr Walesa were to dissolve parliament now, the old electoral rules would apply and a cycle of chaos could start once again.

The political crisis, however, may not significantly affect Poland's financial status internationally. Through four Solidarity-led governments that have ranged from centre-left to centre-right, the country has retained its basic economic policies, intent on converting its centrally planned economy into one ruled by market forces.

Loss leader: Hanna Suchocka, in Warsaw yesterday, discussing her government's collapse. She had said that its demise would endanger the Polish state

Liberals cave in to save Kohl health plan

FROM REUTER IN BONN

GERMANY'S centre-right coalition government avoided collapse yesterday when the chancellor's liberal partners capitulated to support a new health scheme opposed by business and union leaders.

In a cliffhanger vote, the Free Democrats voted to back Helmut Kohl's pet project to extend health insurance to long-term nursing care.

The federation of German industry criticised the plan, saying it would cost millions of marks and kill jobs. The federation added that it might challenge the scheme in court. "This is a frightening signal that one has still not realised we are going down the completely wrong road," said Tyll Necker, its president.

The white-collar workers' union, the DAG, said trade unions were ready to strike against financing the extra insurance by cutting sick leave pay. The opposition Social Democratic party said it was a "social scandal" that the ill were being asked to pay for the plan.

Right's delight: conservative campaigners Ursula Männle, left, and Irmgard Karwatzki welcoming the court decision

German judges tighten control on abortions

■ A law to liberalise terminations has been superseded by tougher restrictions. Women's rights groups have protested and huge demonstrations are planned

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANY'S constitutional court yesterday threw out a law that would have liberalised abortion rules, and the judges instead imposed strict curbs on terminations. The move triggered immediate protests from women politicians, especially in the east, where it has been relatively easy to end pregnancies.

The court ruling creates a new legal, and socially explosive, situation. Until the government comes up with a new law, it will be virtually impossible, except in cases of medical emergency, to carry out an abortion in eastern or western Germany without first gathering a sheaf of doctors' certificates authorising the operation. Abortion has been declared fundamentally unconstitutional, but at the same time the judges emphasised that it would not be punished.

"It's just impossible," said Regine Hildebrandt, a Social Democratic politician. "Now we will have to defend ourselves." Huge demonstrations are planned in German cities. Christian Democrats have lodged a protest with the constitutional court about the new law — cleared through both houses of parliament — that allows women to abort up to three months into their pregnancies provided that they first seek counselling from official advice centres.

The law was linked with a decision to give German mothers a statutory right to a kindergarten place for their children, and other measures which were supposed to encourage women to give birth. But the German economic crisis has made it impossible to build even a fraction of the necessary 10,000 extra kindergartens. Moreover, the Christian Democrats and their Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union, complained that abortion would be treated as a social convenience. Even before the law was passed, the overwhelming majority of abortions in Germany were carried out for social rather than medical reasons.

The court, by a vote of six to two, decided that it had a duty to defend the unborn child. In so doing, it has pleased the Roman Catholic community but has jettisoned a compromise that was intended to bring the east and west of the country closer together.

Since 1972, east Germans have been able to abort pregnancies in the first three months. West Germans, however, have been faced with a number of legal obstacles. The new law was supposed to strike a balance between the rights and expectations of women in the east and the Catholic-influenced restrictions of the west.

The immediate effect of the court ruling, though, is to punish women in eastern Germany. Since abortion for social reasons is no longer legal, the operation cannot be financed through medical insurance schemes. The cost of an abortion performed in a doctor's surgery is about £100, but with an overnight stay in hospital the cost can be £500: out of reach of most women in eastern Germany, where wages are low, and an imposition for poorer women in the west.

So the decision was criticised yesterday not only as a betrayal of women's rights but also of eastern Germans in general. Renate Schmidt, the Social Democratic leader in Bavaria, said: "Women, especially in the east, will now increasingly resort to the services of back-street abortionists."

☐ **Bavarian choice:** Edmund Stoiber was elected state prime minister of Bavaria. The job fell vacant when Max Streibl, the former leader, stepped down over scandals about accepting free trips from a businessman. *(Reuter)*

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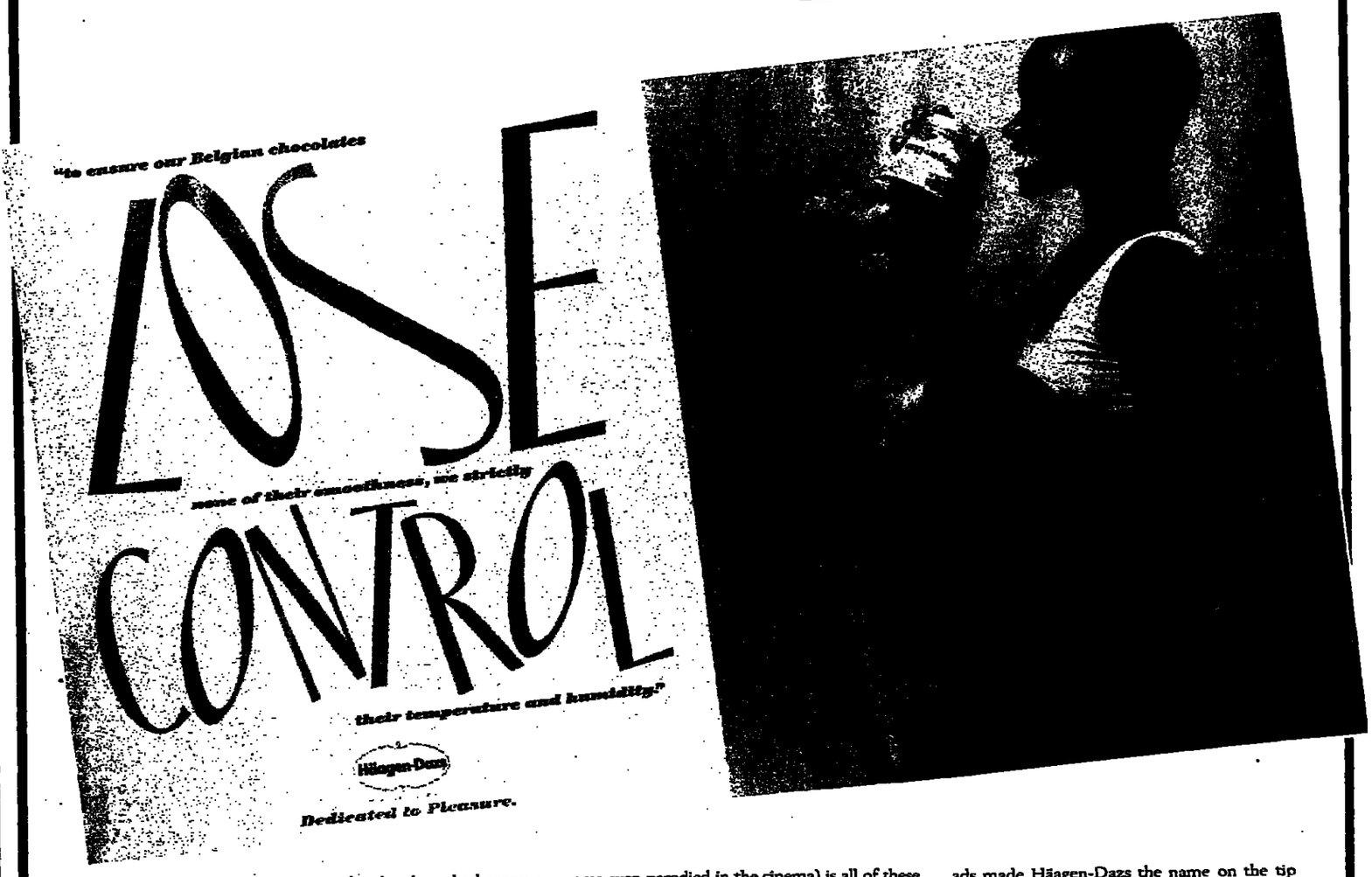

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A Soviet masterspy charms his way out of the cold

James Bond: not a good role model, according to Dimitri Yakushkin

Dimitri Yakushkin, once the KGB's top officer in Washington, has emerged from the shadows to receive an award for his espionage activities. Anne McElvoy arranged a rendezvous

LEST the gentlemen from the CIA are wondering what became of their old foe Dimitri Yakushkin, for seven years the top KGB officer in Washington, they can rest assured his efforts have not gone unrewarded after the unscheduled demise of the Soviet Union.

Major-General (retired) Yakushkin, a sprightly and cultured 70-year-old, has just been given a "special award for services to intelligence" by the Russian government and loath to let go of his grip on world affairs he still works in a "consultative capacity" at the Tass news agency.

Head of Soviet intelligence in America from 1975 to 1982 when he was estimated by US sources to run some 500 agents, he was the most powerful KGB officer outside the Soviet Union. Fluent in English with a raffish charm, Mr Yakushkin secured the unwilling admiration of US intelligence circles during his time posing as "counsellor" at the Soviet embassy. *The Washington Post* bade him a gratifying farewell when he finally left the lions' den, praising him as "a moderate of refined temperament".

Quite why the Kremlin has now chosen to reward Mr Yakushkin, the first KGB man to be publicly honoured since the collapse of the Soviet Union, is unclear. It does however fit in with the revived confidence of the Moscow security services, headed by Yevgeny Primakov, from whose hands Mr Yakushkin received his reward in a gesture that is seen as acknowledging the Russian foreign intelligence service as a successor to the KGB. In his acceptance speech Mr Yakushkin said: "The main feature of an agent should be his ability to think. It is not obligatory to be a perfect marksman or a sprinter. It is necessary to be wiser than the enemy, a charming person and to love the motherland."

We met for tea in an elegant building in a residential street whose only indication that it was used by the security service was heavily barred windows. Still elegant if a little infirm these days, the former spy chief lived up to his reputation for charm while proving stubbornly uninformative about his activities. He did venture that the collapse of the Soviet Union was due to "errors by conservative elements", that his old boss Andropov was "a far better leader" than Gorbachev and that Stalin despite his "excesses" had been a great figure.

Subversion has run in the family for several generations. His forebear, Ivan Yakushkin, was a prominent member of the Decembrist group of officers who tried to overthrow the tsar in 1825. He was exiled to Siberia for 30 years and even after his return was classified as a destabilising element and forced to live outside Moscow.

Mr Yakushkin's grandfather, a deputy in the first Russian Duma, was deprived of his noble rank, accused of sedition and exiled in 1899. His own father also spent a year in jail during the Stalin years because of his membership of the Peasants' Party which opposed collectivisation. As an officer in an elite tank regiment during the second world war and later an economist for the state planning authority, Mr Yakushkin was on the right side of history. He was recruited by the KGB and sent to the United Nations. "My stay there was connected with the international situation," he said helpfully. In 1969 he was placed briefly in charge of agents in Britain. Would he like to tell us something about this work? "No."

He said that he admired Kim Philby and George Blake and exhibited the unshakeable moral arrogance of a true KGB man. "The British agents who came to us always acted from idealism," he said. "The Russians who went over to you were motivated by material gains."

He evidently revelled in his status in Washington and even took his son to see James Bond movies. "We were very amused because Mr Bond was always in the company of so many pretty ladies. The sad truth I can report to you is that a good intelligence officer has to avoid such alluring companions." An hour and a half later he had still revealed nothing of any consequence about his own work. He clearly believed that an old KGB man's job was to hold his tongue for ever.

The Americans, meanwhile, are a little piqued to hear that only two months after President Clinton dug deep into his pockets at the Vancouver summit to aid Russia, the Kremlin is fêting an old enemy. "It seems a little ungrateful," said one senior diplomat.

Asked whether he considered the collapse of communism and the Soviet Union as a defeat, Mr Yakushkin said it was only a temporary setback. "There were a lot of mistakes but there were fewer fools in the KGB than elsewhere and we have a lot of achievements to our name." Unfortunately he did not feel inclined to tell us what they were.

Washington compromises on Peking's trade status

■ *Bill Clinton has renewed China's* favoured trading status for one year. This will not be repeated unless Peking improves its record on human rights

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

PEKING heaved a sigh of relief last night after President Clinton decided to abandon his campaign promises to get tough with China in favour of a few homilies on human rights.

The president renewed China's most-favoured nation (MFN) status unconditionally for one more year, but made future renewal of the status dependent on a series of human rights conditions. The president's decision attaches for the first time conditions to trade relations with China, but falls far short of his strong rhetoric of last year.

Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, recognised this. He would have preferred no conditions at all, he said, but Mr Clinton's statement "is a good deal better than many people feared".

China's leaders will continue to repeat the official statement, pre-emptiively uttered two days ago by the foreign ministry, that MFN status is not a blessing, and that any conditions, no matter how woolly, are an intrusion into China's sovereign rights.

Between themselves the Chinese leaders will understand that Mr Clinton's executive order is an entreaty to China to do something: respecting Tibet's culture, but not its identity, and taking steps to begin to adhere, but not to accede to, the international covenant on civil and political rights, which will make it unnecessary for the president to put himself, Peking, and Hong Kong through the wringer of uncertainty next year.

Mr Clinton claimed that his decision would "open a new chapter in United States policy toward China". His order also puts, at least for the time being, an end to previous divisions between the White House, which favoured free and open trade relations with China, and Congress, where a majority has been in favour of using the trade privileges as a lever to improve China's rights record.

The compromise deal was hailed last night by the two leading Congressional hawks on China, Senator George Mitchell, the Democrat majority leader, and Nancy Pelosi, a Democratic Congresswoman, who had both previously drafted a tough bill that imposed strict conditions.

The executive order contains two definite, and five judgmental, clauses. The two specific conditions require that China will have to "substantially promote the freedom of emigration" and comply with a bilateral 1992 agreement to end prison labour.

The remaining conditions call on China to permit international radio and television broadcasts into China, protect Tibet's cultural and religious heritage, ensure humane treatment of prisoners, account for and release political prisoners, and improve its human rights record.

"Hong Kong itself is a catalyst of democratic values, and we strongly support Governor Patten's efforts to broaden democratic rights," Mr Clinton said.

Christine Loh, a legislative councillor in Hong Kong, said."I think it is good Mr Clinton mentioned Hong Kong. And that he mentioned the covenant. If China were to accede in the coming year it would certainly help to fulfil China's guarantee in the 1984 joint declaration that Hong Kong will continue to be protected by the covenant."

There is some hope of this, since the joint declaration is a treaty lodged at the UN. In China, however, the hope is faint. During the week that Mr Clinton was trying to balance the pleas of the human rights activists to say something tough to China, against those of the American business community, in Peking itself orders were being issued to prevent any disorder next week on the anniversary of the Tiananmen killings. News was also emerging of the arrest in Guangdong of three men who had written a letter calling for a "democratic open society".

However, China will breathe easier, and Hong Kong will be spared Peking's accusations that Mr Patten was leading an international alliance of "peaceful evolutionists" whose aim is to destroy Chinese socialism.

Whiff of anticipation: President Clinton chews on a cigar in the Oval Office as he waits for the vote on his deficit plan

Clinton wins narrow tax victory

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton, clearly relieved, yesterday began the urgent task of rebuilding his battered credibility, having survived the make-or-break House of Representatives vote on his economic programme by a narrow margin.

After a day of high drama, the House approved Mr Clinton's $350 billion (£224 billion) plan to cut the deficit and restore economic growth, by 219 votes to 213, on Thursday night. Defeat would have crippled his presidency. Instead he was given a desperately needed chance to move beyond controversies that have dominated his first four months in office and get his administration back on track.

A *Newsweek* poll completed just before the vote showed Mr Clinton's approval rating at a new low of 36 per cent. Fifty per cent disapproved, 56 per cent said he had lost touch with ordinary Americans, and 49 per cent believed he lacked the ability needed to tackle the nation's problems.

Mr Clinton's most immediate priority is to win Senate approval of his economic plan next month. That will be even tougher than in the House.

The Democrats' majority is slimmer and their senators more independent. At least half a dozen have expressed grave misgivings about the tax-heavy plan and in particular the $72 billion energy tax.

In an effort to build momentum, Mr Clinton and his top officials feasted on Thursday's result, calling it a "victory of growth over gridlock" and lauding House Democrats for their courage in supporting record tax increases of $246 billion over the next five years and $97 billion in spending cuts. America should be "encouraged that the tough decisions are being made", the president declared.

The vote reversed 12 years of Republican economics and finally began a serious assault on a $300 billion annual deficit that has produced a national debt of $4,000 billion. But it was neither a ringing endorsement of the plan nor a resounding victory for Mr Clinton.

The president won only by dint of desperate lobbying and last-minute deal-making in a House where his majority was 80. Thirty-eight Democrats voted against the plan.

As late as midday on Thursday, Mr Clinton still did not have the votes he needed and he personally telephoned nearly 60 congressmen in the final hours.

The debate culminated in an impassioned speech by Tom Foley, the House speaker, in which he implored colleagues to "stand and deliver". Whips literally stood behind waverers as they cast their votes and the chamber erupted in wild applause when, after 14 minutes of intense suspense, the electronic scoreboard finally registered the 217th vote in favour.

One senior Republican suggested yesterday that, although Mr Clinton had been brought back from the dead, he was still on life support. However, the patient is now exhibiting a new willingness to swallow the necessary medicine.

Almost obscured by the drama in the House, Mr Clinton abandoned his pledge to end the ban on gays in the military, signalling his acceptance of a compromise under which the Pentagon would cease questioning recruits about their sexual orientation, provided they did not flaunt their homosexuality.

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Cut above the rest: President Clinton caused a stir when he summoned hairdresser Christophe from Beverley Hills to Los Angeles airport to snip his curls. Hillary Clinton, it transpires, went even further. She has at least twice had Hollywood's premier hairdresser flown across America: with an assistant, and at someone else's expense.

Jacqueline Leo, editor-in-chief of *Family Circle*, said the White House asked the magazine to pay $2,000 (£1,280) for Mrs Clinton to have Christophe and a Californian make-up stylist prepare her for its May cover. The *Los Angeles Times* also paid $750 towards the cost of flying them across the continent to beautify Mrs Clinton for its colour supplement.

Electors take to Ho Chi Minh trail

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BANLUNG, CAMBODIA

BARE-BREASTED women of hill tribes, smoking home-made pipes and carrying babies on their backs, trekked into small jungle villages along the former Ho Chi Minh trail yesterday to cast their votes on the sixth and final day of UN-sponsored elections in Cambodia.

B52 bomb craters litter the landscape around Route 19, which was used by the communists during the Vietnam war to send men and supplies to fight the Americans in Vietnam, whose border is 35 miles to the east. "I still remember the days of the big bombs," one member of the Tambouns, an animist hill tribe, said.

In Ratanakiri province, as elsewhere in Cambodia where almost 90 per cent of the 4.7 million registered voters have turned out, the polls have been a resounding success. They also represent a significant rebuff to the Khmer Rouge, which was based in this area in the Sixties but whose forces hereabouts have been reduced to 100 armed men. Madam Lak Aun, Cambodia's only woman provincial governor, said.

The huge crater of a 1,000lb bomb lies in the centre of this village and the UN polling team — brought in to reach "remote, difficult and possibly dangerous territory" — set up their station nearby, guarded by Uruguayan troops. Two days ago, an ox stepped on an unexploded bomb, causing a huge explosion.

At one polling station, a very old man of the Prau tribe, who had walked miles through the jungle, was the only person to vote yesterday. "He was the last registered voter in the district," Ly Montha, an election worker, said. "Now we have a 100 per cent turnout."

In this remote area, 170 miles northeast of Phnom Penh, the ruling People's Party is likely to have a sweeping victory since its candidate, although a political hardliner, is also an ethnic member of a hill tribe. "Everyone in our village voted the same way," said Mrs Peng, 30, a member of the Tambouns tribe.

Patrick Hughes, a UN human rights officer, said there had been no big incidents during polling in Ratanakiri.

□ **Geneva:** A five-member delegation from the Inter-Parliamentary Union, who observed voting in more than 100 polling stations in 14 of Cambodia's 20 provinces as well as in Phnom Penh, said yesterday the elections had been free and fair. "As such, it is a clear expression of the will of the Cambodian people," they said in a preliminary report. *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Angola oil town falls to rebels

Nairobi: Jonas Savimbi's rebel army yesterday captured the strategic Angola oil town of Soyo and fired at American offshore platforms as the United Nations' special representative to Angola called for UN military intervention to prevent mass starvation (Sam Kiley, Africa Correspondent, writes).

Margaret Anstee, a former Cambridge don, said she had asked the government and the Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) to allow the UN to set up air and land corridors through which food relief could reach suffering civilians.

The call follows the collapse of peace talks in Abidjan with Unita refusing to sign a ceasefire agreement that required it to withdraw from cities it has seized since fighting resumed last September.

A Texaco spokesman said that the company had suspended operations on two platforms eight and 10 miles off the coast following the shelling and the fall of Soyo to Unita on Monday.

President dos Santos, whose government relies heavily on revenues from oil pumped through Soyo to finance its war against Unita, said after the town fell that Unita had not launched a big attack against the town; it had fallen because of the cowardice of a local commander.

Trade deal vote

Ottawa: Canada's lower house of parliament has approved the North American Free Trade Agreement by 140 to 124 votes. The bill implementing the accord must now go to the senate. *Reuter)*

PAC joins talks

Johannesburg: The Pan Africanist Congress has agreed to rejoin multiparty talks on democracy after the government agreed to free three senior PAC leaders arrested in raids on the organisation this week. *(Reuter)*

Plotters jailed

Hanoi: Vietnam's supreme people's court jailed Tran Manh Quynh, 42, a Vietnamese-American and former lieutenant in the South Vietnam army, for 20 years and five others for up to 15 years for planning bomb attacks in Ho Chi Minh City. *(Reuter)*

Show stoppers

New York: A big-budget musical on the life of Jesus Christ, *And Jesus Was His Name*, directed by the man who created *Les Miserables*, has been suspended at one of New York's prime venues because of protests that it contains anti-Semitic caricatures.

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Alexander Chancellor in New York

There is a growing whiff of failure about the new White House administration after the gaffes

It is a funny thing but Bill Clinton who used to speak so clearly and well at least by comparison with his two predecessors, has gone all vague and bumbly in the past couple of weeks. It is evidence that his confidence and his resilience, the qualities that got him to the White House in the first place, against what had once seemed insuperable odds, have been under the severest strain.

He has been on the defensive, with a growing whiff of failure about him, and only his narrow victory for his budget plan in the House of Representatives on Thursday has checked what looked like becoming a slide into serious enfeeblement.

His verbal bumbling began when he tried to answer questions last week about "Travelgate", the White House decision, involving dubious exploitation of the FBI, to sack its travel staff and replace them with people recommended by the president's friends, including one of his remote cousins. It was as if he had become George Bush: one could hardly understand what he was saying. He was bumbling again when, on Thursday, he conducted live for breakfast television a "town meeting" in the White House Rose Garden, answering questions from ordinary people selected for the occasion by CBS. His language became especially pathetic when he had to answer a question about another ludicrous scandal, his hair cut on the presidential plane.

> It was as if he had become George Bush

"I mean, look, I wear a $40 watch," he said. "Do I look like the kind of guy that would go and sit on an airport? You know it was just a blow up. I'm glad they didn't find out about the manicure." Feeble irony, putting the blame on the press: this could have been Richard Nixon talking at the time of Watergate.

Mr Clinton did little better when he was asked to explain why it was the he looked "a litte infatuated with Hollywood and celebrities" — a reasonable question, given that a number of Hollywood stars have been in and out of the White House in recent weeks, getting briefings from administration officials on the great issues of the day, and the he had Sharon Stone sitting next to him at a fundraising dinner in New York the other week. But he replied that this alleged infatuation was "absolutley not true" and added indignantly that, unlike "all the national politicans", he had had "zero" Hollywood fundraisers "before I ran for president". That was true, maybe, but it wasn't really an answer to the question.

Mr Clinton did not mention that in September last year he had been featured at a fundraiser given by the Hollywood Women's Political Committee, at which Barbra Streisand sang and other top Hollywood stars were allowed to hold forth on policy issues: nor that Ms Streisand has stayed at the White House since he became president: nor that he entertained a group of stars to lunch at his summit meeting with Boris Yeltsin in Vancouver last month: nor that his controversial friend, the Hollywood producer Harry Thomason, had been a central figure in the "Travelgate" fiasco, and had had to be asked by the White House this week to desist from a media campaign in defence of their relationship.

The other big issue at the Rose Garden "town meeting" was the one which caused such trouble at the beginning of Mr Clinton's presidency, the issue of homosexuals in the military. On this he was confronted by a polite but firm southern pastor who expressed his concern "about the degradation of morality in our nation and our society and in the military as a whole". For this question, Mr Clinton had clearly prepared, but what he said, while politcally more realistic than his earlier stance, smacked a little of betrayal of the homosexual activists whose cause he had earlier so eagerly espoused. He tried to emphasise the the government would not "appear to be endorsing a gay lifestyle" and proposed that, rather than encourage homosexuals in the armed forces to declare themselves as such, there could be a political consensus around a policy of "don't ask, don't tell".

The president has brought much humiliation on himself, but it could be that he has learnt a bit about the realities surrounding his office during the past few painful weeks. Indeed, he said as much during his question and answer session on Thursday, claiming he now understood how important apparently trivial matters, like airport haircuts, could be made to seem. It is such absurd, peripheral things that do most damage to a president if they are not competently handled. Another sign that he may recover has been the huge lobbying effort which his staff put into getting the House to approve his budget bill. It may yet fail in the Senate, but at least he now seems to understands the realities on Capitol Hill.

In the meantime, he told his audience in the Rose Garden, he is trying to learn to laugh at his little misfortunes. "You know, when little things get made big, and big things get made little . . . If you didn't have a sense of humour . . . you'd be grounded down to nothing pretty quick." But he'll be grounded down to nothing anyway, if he doesn't stop them happening.

The imp of the perverse has turned the president's trim on the tarmac into a public relations disaster

Bald fact for Clinton

Bernard Levin

I had a lovely dream last night; it started with a huge crowd of attorneys-general, headed by Sir Patrick Mayhew and Sir Nicholas Lyell, being hanged in Parliament Square, amid deafening cheers, fireworks, confetti, streamers and the free distribution of ale. Then, as dreams do, it shifted altogether, and became Robin Leigh-Pemberton being sued for not realising that the gentlemen in charge of the BCCI were so obviously a pack of scoundrels that even a Chancellor of the Exchequer would have noticed.

In the dream, Mr Leigh-Pemberton was ajudged guilty of the registration of himself as a firearms dealer, throwing corrosive fluid with intent, obstructing a clergyman in the discharge of his duty, having in his possession, with intent to sell, meat unfit for food, endeavouring to seduce a soldier from his allegiance, and several serious breaches of the Fraudulent Mediums Act 1951.

The dream faded, and I settled down to breakfast, and began to read — wide awake — that the United States president had held up air traffic at Los Angeles airport for something like two hours, while he had a haircut — no, not a haircut, for he had just had one — a trim.

The first thing to say to the now embattled president is, I suppose, "Keep your hair on". The second is:

. . . nay, if the scale do turn
But in the estimation of a hair,
Thou diest and all thy goods are confiscate.

For that matter, he could try the hair of the dog that bit him.

I suppose there can be nobody who has said or done something which, in the next second, he or she wished undone. But as we know,

The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ,
Moves on: nor all thy Piety nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,
Nor all thy Tears wash out a Word of it.

Edgar Allen Poe has an interesting thesis: he postulates a semi-human and invisible creature, which he calls "the imp of the perverse"; this thing has the power so to turn a word or an action that what is meant or done is the opposite of what was wanted. In one of his stories, a man has committed a murder, but he has left no clue, and he is rightly convinced that the crime cannot be brought home to him. "Unless", he says, "I was so foolish as to make open confession." At that moment, the imp of the perverse seizes his chance, and those words begin to dog him, then to possess him, then to make it impossible to get them out of his mind, until finally he is driven to shout the truth aloud.

Nor is the gaffe necessarily something important. Very many years ago, I was in a situation in which there was only complete success or complete failure; there could be no consolation prizes. I failed, but that is not what has pursued me for much of my life; what crawls into my sleep and stirs my rage against myself again and again, is that when the decision had been made, but not before, I saw clearly the simple, tiny thing with which I could effortlessly have turned defeat into victory.

"O! call back yesterday; bid time return." But Richard II could not. Nor can President Clinton; true, the jokes ("Hair Force One") will fade, but history is much greedier than that; generations from now, in schools yet unbuilt, peopled with children not yet born, President Clinton's Mistake will be spoken of.

After all, who can forget King Canute, who bade the sea turn back? (His press officers put out the story that he did it to show up his stupid knights, who were asking the impossible, but don't be fooled.)

How many American presidents were bald? In modern times, I can think only of Eisenhower, and although he had something of a shiny bonce, you couldn't call him hairless. If it turns out that there were few bald presidents, there will be a couple of dozen Ph.Ds in no time, arguing that the average American voter has a sublimated distrust of bald men, and therefore will not make one president.

I imagine it will not be much comfort for President Clinton to know that Christophe, the sought-after crimper (even more sought-after now, presumably) who trimmed the presidential top-knot with such echoing effect, is, or was, also the hairdresser of President Mobutu (still without any challenger for the title of the greatest thief in all of mankind's history so far), Mobutu, the crinkle-haired scoundrel, went a good deal further than Mr Clinton: he had Christophe fly out weekly.

I have never really understood the story of Samson and his hair. Why did he lose his strength just because his hair had been cut off? He said himself "I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man." But he gives no explanation, except to imply that it is his Nazarite upbringing.

I am assured that baldness is hereditary, and I believe it; none of the men in my family ever went bald, or even thin on top. My own locks may now be silvered, but they are as thick as ever, and any very beautiful lady is welcome to run her fingers through them if she doubts it.

Are there any genuine cases of men (I have never heard it attributed to a woman) whose hair turned white overnight, from — usually — a terrible fright, or an equally dreadful sorrow? Certainly, there have been men who can tie huge weights to their hair and dangle them unconcerned. Lovers take a lock of hair from their beloved and keep it; and surely you all know the O. Henry story called *The gifts of the Magi*? (O. Henry has survived and I think always will, but Saki, whom I devoured when I was young, has faded. Both, though, were masters of the twist in the tail, the unexpected change in the last line.)

None at all of this will give comfort to the president, and there is no solution to the problem: the problem is why, when the president said "I'll have my hair done now", nobody coughed quietly and pointed out — politely of course — that that would be a singularly lousy idea. If I remember rightly, Rapunzel let down her golden hair from her chamber in the tower, to let her lover climb in at her casement window, but I don't know what happened then.

Ah, but I do not need legend for one of my most cherished memories. There was (I trust is) an opera singer, Blanche Thebom by name. She was famed for her long and beautiful hair, worn wonderfully serpentine on her head. Well, many years ago she sang Dido in *The Trojans* at Covent Garden, and as the love duet rose to its climax, she unfastened the shining pile and let it fall: in that instant I realised that her hair was longer than she was tall, for I swear I heard the braided ends hit the floor.

A Dr Beddoe says that there are 16 blonds in every 100 Scots, 13 in 100 English and only two out of 100 Italians. That won't help President Clinton, either, unless he can use it to change the conversation at his dinner-table when an unwary guest begins to talk of Clinton's Mistake. Ah, well; hair today, groan tomorrow.

No memorial for the terrorist

St Ethelburga's church must be rebuilt, not left as a monument to the evil of the IRA, **Simon Jenkins** says

So Lord Fudge has ditched Lord Stodge, and Fidget has gone the way of Midget. Piffle has survived, but Wiffle is said to be not long for this world. As to why Squirt was promoted, that baffles even the potboy, who knows everything. But these are passing fancies. In the close at Barchester, the rooks are crying from the elms and a mightier battle is joined. And when battle is joined in Barchester, every Fudge, Stodge, Piffle and Squirt should look to his laurels.

I refer to the extraordinary events that have followed the blowing to bits of St Ethelburga's church in the City of London on the morning of April 24. A bomb demolished its west wall, the last stretch of medieval street frontage in the City, together with its roof and 18th-century bell-turret. The interior was reduced to a tangled mass of wood and masonry.

From Belfast to Beirut, from Brighton to Manhattan, the response to such incidents is always the same: rebuild at once. The terrorist, like the vandal, wishes to leave a memorial to his perverted grievance. He must be deprived of that memorial. The Grand Hotel, Brighton, Belfast opera house, the Baltic Exchange and the roof of Westminster Hall were all instantly restored. St Ethelburga's, the smallest church in the City, was spared by the Great Fire, and has lived on, delightfully almost cheekily, beneath the office cliffs of Bishopsgate. It was a grade one listed building. The fabric is not burnt and most of its components can be numbered and reassembled. Nothing could be less controversial.

Except to the Church of England. I sometimes think that institution would split over how to multiply two by two. After the bomb, an appeal for St Ethelburga's and other damaged churches was proposed to the London diocese. One and three-quarter million pounds was needed for rebuilding. At least £100,000 (raised by *The Times* among others) was pledged at once. The builders, Sir Robert McAlpine, offered to store the various stones and beams. Fundraisers regard the sum as easily realisable. Yet the Diocese of London stalled. Why?

For an answer we must return to Barchester. There the Grantlys, of the old religion, are locked in combat with the evangelical Proudies. The London diocese is at present dominated by Proudies. The new bishop, David Hope, is an Anglo-Catholic but in this affair is dominated by his Proudiesque archdeacon, George Cassidy, and Dick Lucas, the rector of St Helen's Bishopsgate, both evangelicals and both in a position to determine the future of St Ethelburga's. Mr Lucas is a preacher of the "Reform" evangelical movement. His congregations at St Helen's have been large. To him and the archdeacon, St Ethelburga's was a bastion of Anglo-Catholic worship. It was declared "redundant" in 1991 and Mr Lucas hatched plans to plant offices on its garden and vestry.

With every other Bishopsgate property frantically rebuilding, the archdeacon has warned that the Church "be not carried away by sentimentality, nostalgia or mere emotion". He and others within the St Paul's chapter regard many of the City's 38 surviving churches as an encumbrance. A commission is now sitting under Lord Templeman to investigate their future. Some of the Proudies have even been heard to mutter that "the IRA should have demolished a few more".

Against the Proudies are ranged the Grantlys. They want St Ethelburga's rebuilt, either as an active church or as a chapel of ease. They include the surviving parish clerk of St Ethelburga's, Paul Sutherland, and his former churchwarden, Cherry Stevens. They are supported by at least one St Paul's canon, John Halliburton. Behind them must be counted thousands of City workers who might have found refuge in the chapel conversion proposed before the bomb: a sanctuary from the stress of office life, a haven, a place of meditation. St Ethelburga's, like similar churches in Norwich and Bristol, always had a future.

Also among the Grantlys are those who feel that bombers should not be allowed to dictate London's town planning. Little enough is left of Bishopsgate since Peter Walker as environment secretary devastated its southern end in the 1970s. The part that includes St Ethelburga's is a fragment of the medieval City sandwiched between slabs of commerce. It has "gone" only in the sense that any fire or bomb damaged building has gone. Science and craftsmanship can restore it. Most of the woodwork, reredos, memorials and mural paintings remain.

Past glory: St Ethelburga's church in the City of London in its heyday

What is extraordinary is that counter-terrorist conservation should be overwhelmed by doctrinal theology. Evangelicals are fighting Anglo-Catholics in the dust of St Ethelburga's. Its supporters bitterly protest that its 1991 redundancy was because they pursued a "more traditional form of worship". They accuse the chapter of being secretly pleased the bomb destroyed their building. Certainly those wanting to help the appeal have been shocked at the resistance from St Paul's chapter. The latter seem desperate that there should be no trace of St Ethelburga left. In the words of the Grantly faction: "It's simple, they can't risk a bolshie congregation back."

The Bishop of London has rather desperately proposed a garden of remembrance for IRA victims in place of the church. He is unabashed that this would answer the IRA's dream: a gaping hole in a line of restored buildings, a 30-foot patch of grimy grass in perpetual memorial to the terrorist's cruelty. Even the Archbishop of Canterbury, initially in favour of rebuilding, is now said to be unsure. The Church is split from top to bottom. It will not support an appeal. Yet as it delays, the mood of public generosity inevitably lessens.

The Church has many London buildings it cannot fill and usually cannot afford. Replanning them as chapels of ease or as secular sanctuaries should be an obligation on the City Corporation as much as on the Church. The City's huge income should support "buildings of respose" as it now munificently supports former churchyards as gardens. The search for urban tranquillity is no different under cover from in the open. The City, or the Museum of London, should taken on St Ethelburga's if the Church does not.

Yet the Church will not have that. It is not welcoming help or fund-raisers. One faction turns away the assurance of money rather than see a monument to a rival faction rise from the dust. A bishop would prefer a memorial to the IRA in central London than allow an Anglo-Catholic structure be restored free of charge.

In my view, these Proudies should tready warily. Stodge and Fidget may have been sacked, but Squirt has been moved to the environment department. Squirt has read his Trollope and is known to be of the Grantly persuasion. As long as he can stay on his golden chair, he has the power to intervene. He should rescue St Ethelburga's from this outrageous squabble. He might even try a sermon there himself.

An artless speech

VIRGINIA Bottomley may have survived the reshufffle, but she lost no time in walking into fresh controversy. The health secretary barely gave Kenneth Clarke time to get his Hush Puppies into No 11, before she set about upsetting the Royal Academy.

The damage was inflicted at an academy dinner on Thursday night, as Bottomley, the guest of honour, chose the occasion to pay a fulsome tribute to the good works of William Hogarth, the 18th century painter. But while Bottomley trilled about Hogarth's work for the Foundling Hospital in London the audience became increasingly restive. "There was much inward groaning," says Gerard Libby, the professor of anatomy at the RA Schools.

Bottomley, it seems, was either ignorant of or chose to ignore the fact that the first London hospital to benefit from Hogarth's largesse was St Bartholomew's: currently facing the threat of closure.

Not only was the painter of *The Rake's Progress* made a governor of Bart's in 1735, he painted two works for it, which still have pride of place above the main staircase. *The Good Samaritan* and *The Pool of Bethesda* are among the hospital's most prized possessions.

Geoffrey Yeo, the archivist at Bart's, says: "They are magnificent. They are the Bible stories about sick or injured people being cared for. They are important historical works for a hospital that cares for the sick or injured."

So what would happen to them if the hospital did close? According to an appalled Libby, Bottomley suggested to him that it could always be turned into an art gallery.

English empire

JOHN Redwood has much to look forward to as Secretary of State for Wales, at least according to his distinguished predecessor, Lord Walker, who believes the post is much underrated.

Walker, who was praised even by Labour MPs when he stood down from the Welsh office in 1990 after three years, believes David Hunt's elevation confirms that Wales is now a highly attractive proposition — even for an Englishman. "You are master of your own domain. Minister for housing, industry and agriculture. Minister for everything. You have your own budget and you can set your own priorities. It is a great training ground. Effectively, you are a mini-prime minister," says Walker.

But he does have one piece of advice for the very English Redwood. "Go to all the rugby matches. Wales v France and Wales v the All Blacks. But resist all temptations to go and see Wales v England. Devoted as I was to the job, I could never bring myself to cheer on Wales against England."

● *The* Grimsby Evening Telegraph, *the newspaper that brought Irene Lamont to the world's attention, was last night claiming a second scoop in 48 hours: an exclusive, if brief, interview with Mrs Lamont's son, Norman. "I will be coming up to Grimsby very soon," the former Chancellor told the newspaper. "I am very close to my mother. Can you keep the press away from my mother?".*

DIARY

Norman's lament

IT WAS more of a wake than a party. But Norman Lamont still managed to break open a few bottles at the Treasury before he left for the last time.

Lamont held a brief soirée in his office with his ministerial team, including Michael Portillo, Stephen Dorrell (also drowning his sorrows after failing to get the promotion he had been widely tipped for) and Anthony Nelson. Sir Terry Burns, the permanent secretary, his special advisers, and the civil servants who ran the Chancellor's private office, also stuck their head around the door.

Write lines

NORMAN Lamont we know did not send one, but how many letters of sympathy did he receive?

Sir Norman Fowler, the Tory party chairman, must surely have sent one. After all, this is the man who, in his recent memoirs, *Ministers Decide*, had this to say on the subject of sacked ministers: "Imagine the impact upon a politician who has been told that he is out altogether, and his career is at an end. And imagine the impact if the blow falls after months of debilitating speculation."

Appalling letter writer that he admits he is, Fowler says he always tried to write to "those colleagues who were leaving office rather than those who have just been promoted". So has Fowler written to Lamont? "Certainly not," says his office.

Black moment

SHE MAY be a rural girl and a fifth generation cattle dealer, but will the country's first female minister of agriculture be able to deal with the nation's notoriously chauvinist farmers. The National Farmers' Union has welcomed Gillian Shephard's appointment, but is struggling elsewhere on the political correctness front. Its portly president, David Naish, was expected to apologise on the BBC *Farming Today* programme this morning for saying his members had been "working like blacks".

Manchester title race

BRIAN Redhead (above right), the bearded broadcaster and scourge of early rising politicians, plans to retire from presenting BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme next year to assume a pastoral role as an Anglican clergyman. But the Macclesfield maverick may yet assume another role in the public domain — namely chancellor of Manchester university.

Redhead, founder of the Friends of the M6, is one of three nominees for the post. His rivals are Sir Crispin Tickell (above left), the diplomat who converted Lady Thatcher on green issues, and Commander Michael Saunders Watson, the former British Library chairman.

Redhead nevertheless appears bemused by the nomination. Abby, his daughter, says: "Most of the family thought it was a send up to begin with. It was the last thing he was expecting."

A frustrated Saunders Watson believes, however, that Redhead stands the better chance. "I was told not to canvass in any sense, so I am having to sit on my hands."

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A SHORT REPRIEVE

Bill Clinton is in need of a new route-map

At the end of a dreadful month for his presidency, the close victory for his economic plan in the House of Representatives has given President Clinton a breathing space in which to recreate his credibility at home and abroad. For this relief, Mr Clinton yesterday gave voluble thanks.

Despite the asset of a 257-176 Democratic majority in the lower house, the president forestalled a damaging defeat only after last-minute concessions to conservative Democrats which he had earlier rejected on principle. Last February he set out to reduce the deficit over five years by $496 billion. The total has since shrunk to $337 billion; and the man who swore to bury the Democrats' "tax and spend" image has been far more drastic in raising taxes than in cutting expenditure. Any weakening on the energy tax component of the bill in the Senate will intensify doubts about Mr Clinton's ability to lead.

Some of his problems, as he half-conceded this week, may be attributable to the ineptitude of his White House team. But shaking up his staff will bring no more than cosmetic improvements unless the president himself discovers how to govern. During the campaign, Mr Bush scoffed at his opponent's promises to take "tough decisions" to change America, retorting that this was a man who wanted to be on every side of every argument and was constitutionally incapable of setting priorities and taking unpopular decisions. So far, Mr Clinton can set against that charge only the relaunching of the Middle East peace talks and one indubitably courageous decision, his challenge to Americans to see investing in Russia's stability as part of their domestic agenda. For the rest changeability, a characteristic unappealing to Americans and alarming to their allies, is fast displacing "change" as his hallmark.

Candidate Clinton excoriated Mr Bush for "coddling the dictators in Peking" and described his unconditional renewal of China's most favoured nation trading status last June as "another sad chapter in this admnistration's history of putting America on the wrong side of human rights and democracy". On Bosnia, he breathed fire, repeating that Serbian ethnic cleansing and seizures of territory "must not stand". But last weekend, President Clinton abandoned his brief effort to stiffen European spines and trimmed his aims for Bosnia to a pious hope for "some political solution which has a reasonable territorial component".

Mr Clinton has gone to great pains to present his own unconditional renewal of China's MFN status, announced yesterday, as a tough new policy. He has given Peking 12 months to improve its record in areas such as human rights and forced prison labour, respect for Tibet's "cultural heritage" and freedom to emigrate. But these caveats are vague: Peking will hardly take seriously the request that it "take steps to begin adhering to the provisions of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights".

Some of the most consequential decisions lie ahead. Mr Clinton cannot both be for a Gatt deal and for managed trade with America's European and Japanese competitors. The retreat on Bosnia could evolve into a generalised retreat from America's 50-year commitment to European stability. The American recovery is febrile, and inflationary pressures are simultaneously increasing. The health care lobbies are taking heart at his apparent weakness under pressure. The Clinton presidency is in dire need of a new route-map. On Thursday, Mr Clinton defensively produced a report sheet on the allocation of his time since taking office: a quarter on foreign policy, 55 per cent on the economy and 20 per cent on other domestic issues. So simplistic a response is the most troubling sign of all: it suggests that he has yet to understand what his critics mean.

DANGEROUS TO KNOW

Judgments cannot be shirked when the public is at risk

Beverley Allitt was yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment on 13 charges of murder, attempted murder and causing grievous bodily harm to children in her care. Mr Justice Latham's words made it clear that Allitt was unlikely ever to be released: "The purpose hereafter must be the permanent containment of you in order to protect the public." Sound words. Too often in this case, as in a great many less spectacular ones, there has been a suspicion that protecting innocent potential victims has come too low in the priorities of public agencies.

By coincidence, a court case with some disturbing parallels also came to a conclusion this week. A young psychologist working in a hostel for the mentally ill was stabbed to death by a schizophrenic patient whose violent history should have rendered her ineligible for such a hostel placement. Erhi Inweh was found not guilty of murder by reason of insanity, and committed to Broadmoor secure hospital after killing 23-year-old Katie Sullivan. Although in this case, paradoxically, the crime was committed by a patient against a staff member, there are some striking resemblances to the mistakes that arose with Beverley Allitt. Once again, known facts that should have alerted the authorities to a dangerous personality were ignored or dismissed. A combination of naivety, poor communications and, perhaps, wishful thinking, resulted in avoidable death.

The line between criminality and illness — culpability and innocence — is one that has become increasingly blurred. This is partly for the good reason that society now has a more sophisticated and less demoniacal view of human behaviour, and partly for the less good one that certain ideologies that have become entrenched in the social services seek to define evil and blame out of existence altogether. The reluctance to make hard judgments or outright condemnations of individuals has clouded the issues of criminal justice and produced real dangers to public safety. Protecting offenders, whether they are mentally ill or not, from the consequences of their actions takes precedence too often over protecting other people who are unfortunate enough to cross their paths (and who, as often as not, are debarred from just the information which might have forewarned them).

The new secretary of state at the Home Office, Mr Michael Howard, is known to be deeply committed to the cause of law and order. If Home Office concerns are about to swing back from business management to moral rectitude, then it would be worth Mr Howard's while to reflect on how much more subtle the issue of protecting the public has become. What the voter in the street means when he cries out for a firm stand on law and order, is not only that he wishes to feel safe on the streets and in his home, but that he would like to believe that his elected government had more sympathy with the blameless victims of crime than with its perpetrators. Neither the Allitt nor the Inweh case come, strictly speaking, into Mr Howard's brief, since they were the technical responsibilties of the Department of Health, but the spirit in which fatal decisions were taken in those cases has very much to do with the reluctance of public officials to make unequivocal moral judgements. Mr Howard has been widely termed a "heavyweight" this week — and rightly so. He must use some of that weight to reverse the tendency to turn aside due responsibility.

CAPTIVATING THE CAPTOR

A modest memorandum to the people of Wales

Your land has suffered many strange invasions over the centuries, from the Roman legionaries led by Suetonius Paulinus in AD 61, through Edward I's rabble English army of conquest, to this week's appointment of John Redwood as secretary of state. All would-be masters speak in strange tongues: Latin, English and in the case of Mr Redwood an international jargon of econo-technology. All newcomers seek to change your traditional ways; they hate the painting of bodies with woad, the performing of druidical rites, the rising up and slaughtering of your neighbours and the accepting of enormous subsidies and grants from foreign lands. This new ruler, Mr Redwood, will be just like all the others.

He was, it is true, a servant of Margaret Thatcher. But do not worry about his fascination with the almighty She Goddess. You grind them all down in the end, whatever their god. As Drayton wrote in 1612: "Our wildest beasts that breed/ Or on our mountaines feed./ Were farre more sooner Tam'd,/ Than heere our Welshmen were". John "two brains" Redwood — born in Tory Dover, about as far from the principality as it is possible to be reared and still remain in England — he can have no idea what lies in wait for him. Even now, as he looks up his motorway maps of the M4, he can have scant idea of the Sicilian politics and blood-feuds of your fortunate principality. The collective brain-power of Magdalen and All Souls will not be sufficient to arm the tongue-tied MP for Wokingham against even the lowliest Welsh parish councillor, who proudly harbours the spirit of Owen Glendower in his every dealing with the English proconsul.

Mr Redwood has met his match. This determined no-turning-backer will soon be in full flight. Like Suetonius Paulinus recalled to fight Boadicea, he will make an excuse and leave. Like the Romans, the Normans and the European Commissioners, he will arrive in Wales armed with the force of radical new ideas and run away in the face of your national obduracy.

You Welshmen know in your hearts that each of these brave, hopeless forays enriched your country. Roman camps, Roman roads and Roman gold mines were paid for from an already hopelessly over-stretched imperial purse. Edward I's string of English castles, the pump primers of the medieval economy, were paid for by over-taxed Englishmen. And in the 1980s, when the rest of Britain was told that there was no such thing as a free lunch, Wales under Peter Walker and David Hunt enjoyed several slap-up courses.

Treat this new alien invader kindly. He will soon learn to start throwing English gold at you. He will soon tire of argument, and despair at your points of order. Feel sorry for him. After all, he is not a Welshman.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Letting down our young musicians

From Professor Peter Dickinson and others

Sir, British youth orchestras are the envy of the international musical world for the opportunities they provide for young musicians to make rapid headway in and beyond their own schools.

Until recently they have been supported by a network of arrangements for specialist instrumental and vocal tuition through local authorities, largely free of charge. The essential point has been this access to individual teaching regardless of parental ability to pay for it.

However, the new structures involving local management of schools will leave no scope for a pattern built up since the war with such excellent results. The national curriculum in music fails to provide for individual lessons or for the co-ordination of performing bodies. In our view, as professors of music at English universities, we believe the damage will be so great that planners must have neglected to assess the outcome.

The consequences for all involved in musical education are grave. For more than a generation the performing standard of entrants to university music departments has constantly risen, along with the quality of our orchestras and other ensembles.

Music is a practical subject, playing starts early and the loss of initial grounding can never be made up. Further, at a time when the Arts Council is placing a new emphasis on broader participation in the arts (as stated in its document, *A Creative Future*) we believe that continuing support for these lessons is the best thing that could be done for both amateurs and professionals. We hope that an impending survey commissioned by the council and other organisations will confirm this.

If this issue is not to become a tragic case of ruining something that has proved to be of immense benefit — the life-blood of music in this country — the unanimous warning voice of all involved in musical education must now be heeded before it is too late.

Yours faithfully,
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Operetta criticism

From Mr R. R. Le Duc

Sir, If your music critics find no enjoyment in operetta in general, and Lehar's music in particular, let them stay away rather than spoil it for others by biased reviews.

Rodney Milnes castigates Lehar's *The Land of Smiles* at the Royal Academy of Music (Arts, May 26) for being "racist" and even subtly, and mischievously, implies that it is anti-Semitic when the racist aspect is really your critic's commentary.

I wonder if it is not a case of an insular and puritanical predilection for dull dirges and restrained refrains and that the sensuousness and blood-tingling excitement of much of this kind of Central European music is just too much for his composure.

Yours faithfully,
R. R. LE DUC,
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Richmond-upon-Thames, Surrey.

Dinosaur movie

From Mr Gerry Lewis

Sir, Tom Rhodes asserts ("Monster cynicism", May 19) that the pre-release advertising budget alone for Stephen Spielberg's dinosaur movie, *Jurassic Park*, "has exceeded £14 million". This is a ludicrous figure. There is no "pre-release advertising budget". Expenditure on the development of marketing materials is a fraction of that figure.

Nor has a further £30 million been "allocated for spin-off projects such as cartoon shows, marketing abroad and a possible theme park". Nothing has been "allocated" for cartoon shows; the international advertising budgets are not yet established; and a theme park is at the earliest blueprint stage.

Mr Rhodes also calls Spielberg's *Hook* "a dismal failure". *Hook* took well over $200 million at the world's box-offices alone — without the prodigious income from home video and TV. Critics may have decided it was a failure; the public certainly didn't. It was the number one picture in the UK in the year of its release (1992).

Yours sincerely
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May 20.

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Historic lesson for peace in Bosnia

From Sir Reginald Hibbert

Sir, The comparison is painful, but the five-power agreement to leave Bosnia stricken and defenceless (leading article, "Shameful retreat", May 24) has no more chance of bringing peace to the Balkans than the Munich agreement, stripping Czechoslovakia of its defences and breaking it into pieces, had of bringing peace to Europe 54 years ago.

We are told that the agreement will serve to stop the killing and prevent the fighting from spreading. It is an extraordinary innovation to regard stopping the killing as a valid objective when faced with armed aggression. It cannot be other than a euphemism for acceptance of defeat. And, of course, the killing by the Serbs does not stop.

Even if Bosnia is reduced to a desert and the resulting devastation is called peace, the wider problem of Serbian nationalist self-assertion and its violent repercussions among neighbouring people will not be solved. It may even be aggravated as the Serbs are encouraged in their over-confidence.

It is depressing that ministers, high officials, generals, etc still refer to events in Bosnia as civil war. This is a very superficial assessment. One of the reasons for clinging to it is presumably that it makes it possible to avoid identifying the armed challenge by the Serbs to all their neighbours, thereby providing spurious justification for doing nothing effective to stop it.

It is also depressing that the only possible remedy commonly discussed is massive armed intervention by outside powers, while the simpler idea of arming the Bosnian Muslims is summarily dismissed. This serves as a further guarantee against anything effective being done, because massive military intervention can never be expected to be popular with electorates.

The accent on humanitarian aid under United Nations auspices is yet another excuse for not bolstering Bosnian resistance. Individuals are kept alive while the people goes under; and the UN is tarnished by being made to bear responsibilities which are beyond it.

What now seems to be required is a comprehensive plan for the whole Balkan area, by which it would be made clear to the Serbs that the Western powers intend in the long term to help all Serbia's neighbours to be strong enough to frustrate Serbian efforts to dominate them.

The help would have to be made dependent in every case on readiness by those helped to implement far-reaching human rights provisions and arrangements to accommodate the minorities which are unavoidable in the Balkans, however the frontiers are drawn. Given the ruin which the Serbs have brought on themselves and their neighbours, progress will be slow and chequered.

Yours faithfully,
REGINALD HIBBERT,
Frongdeg, Pennal,
Machynlleth, Powys.
May 26.

From Lord Monson

Sir, Your forthright and penetrating condemnation of what you rightly term the "shameful retreat" over Bosnia was a refreshing contrast to the gruesome spectacle of Western leaders climbing down metaphorically from their propellor-driven aircraft, clad in Homburg hats, black jackets and striped trousers, sporting furled umbrellas and triumphantly flourishing cast-iron "guarantees" from Milosevic, Karadzic *et al*.

Indeed, in many respects Neville Chamberlain comes out better than Europe's present-day political leaders. On strictly numerical grounds the Sudeten Germans had a rather better case than that of the Bosnian Serbs, and at least the Chamberlain government did not actively seek to prevent the Czechs from defending themselves.

Non-interference can be a morally acceptable policy; but to impose a one-sided arms embargo on the internationally-recognised and (contrary to pro-Serbian propaganda) multi-faith Bosnian government — in breach of article 51 of the United Nations charter — is the very reverse of non-interference.

The European powers have of course every right, if they so choose, to decline to defend their Bosnian fellow-Europeans from massacre and dispossession, in view of the effort and sacrifice such a course would entail. What they have no right to do is to prevent those who are being persecuted from obtaining the means to defend themselves to the best of their ability.

The sinister-sounding "level killing field" is after all no more than our old friend and comforter, the balance of power.

Yours faithfully,
MONSON,
House of Lords.
May 25.

Coverage of Parliament

From Mr Douglas Hurd, MP for Witney, Foreign Secretary

Sir, Anyone who presumes to criticise the critics is in for a rough ride such as Matthew Parris gave me about parliamentary reporting (Political Sketch, May 21). But I think I have a point.

Until a few years ago *The Times* ran a parliamentary page. Your readers could thus (if they wished) know not just what MPs wore or the latest gossip in the lobbies but a selection of what their representatives actually said.

In your files you should find a mild protest from me to your predecessor when he scrapped this.

The Maastricht debates are just one case in point. You would have preferred a referendum — fair enough. But instead there have been 210 hours of detailed parliamentary discussion leading to the decision on third reading. I do not pretend that every hour shone with wit and wisdom. But anyone wanting to know the arguments about, say, subsidiarity or the foreign policy co-operation provided in the treaty can probably find them better set out in the debates in the Commons than anywhere else.

People ask for more facts and information about Maastricht. They are there, with the arguments for and against, locked away in the columns of Hansard — in theory public, but in practice inaccessible to the public, as were the Commons debates before the press won the right to report them.

Radio manages it admirably, presumably without driving away their listeners. Could you not, Sir, relent and restore *The Times* as a paper of record?

Yours truly,
DOUGLAS HURD,
House of Commons.
May 24.

Government reshuffle

From Mr Barry Field, MP for Isle of Wight (Conservative)

Sir, I do hope our new Chancellor will make a start in addressing the problems of the nation's overheads rather than simply adopting the softer option of increasing personal taxation.

A system which pays a £10 Christmas bonus to pensioners who are higher taxpayers, that pays child benefit to mothers who enjoy a shared income in excess of £20,000, or attendance allowance to residents of nursing homes irrespective of their personal incomes, is clearly the economics of the madhouse.

Yours faithfully,
BARRY FIELD,
House of Commons.
May 27.

From Mr William Rudd

Sir, Despite the manifold and well recorded errors, omissions and bad judgments already perpetrated by the government of the nice John Major, it does seem that he has managed to achieve success in his goal of creating a "classless society": he appears to be held in almost equal contempt by the majority of all classes (MORI poll report, May 28).

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM RUDD,
Real Club Nautico,
07470 Puerto Pollensa,
Mallorca, Spain.
May 28.

From Mr Robert Hards

Sir, More than anyone, I am sure Mr Lamont understands that his "unemployment" is a price worth paying.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT HARDS,
Admirals Court, 9 Copper Row, SE1.

World of Mastermind

From Mr David Pittway

Sir, I wonder if Miss Delena Kidd (letter, May 21) is right to assume that future Masterminds should be crammed with all their classical English texts while with shining morning face they creep unwillingly to school.

Would not Mr Patten's English teachers be doing a better job if young people left school with such a love of the theatre that the lover would later join his mistress, complete with eyebrow, in an amateur production of *Romeo and Juliet*, that the soldier would normally take in a live performance of something classical or modern every time he went on leave from the cannon's mouth, and the justice would take fair round belly, wife and family on regular outings to Stratford?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID PITTWAY,
27 Carrick Road,
Chester.
May 21.

Serving the continent

From Mr Paul M. Thomas

Sir, Mr Kieft's letter on the different prices charged for using the gents' facilities at King's Cross and Paddington (May 25) was a godsend. I have been looking all term for a classic case of monopoly price discrimination to give my A-level candidates as they prepare for the public (excuse the pun) examinations.

I now have the answer.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL M. THOMAS,
John Lyon School,
Middle Road,
Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex.
May 25.

Tribute to heroes of the Atlantic

From Viscount Watkinson, CH

Sir, Thank you for recalling in your Battle of the Atlantic supplement (May 25) the most long drawn-out and heroic battle of the last war. All of us who fought the battle in the Royal Navy will never forget the officers and seamen of the Merchant Navy without whom not a cargo would have crossed the Atlantic.

May I quote from the foreword to the Merchant Navy Roll of Honour which we should remember at this time:

More than 33,000 merchant seamen and fishermen lost their lives while serving in merchant ships. This bare statement of fact conceals an epic of sustained heroism unsurpassed in the annals of war. They were civilians yet they faced mortal danger and they did not waver. Never even in the darkest days was there any lack of willing hands to man the ships though the seamen knew often from bitter experience the horrors that followed enemy attack at sea. They made victory possible.

Indeed, although the Navy won the battle it was our merchant seamen who "made victory possible". May one who had the honour to represent them for a time in government pay this tribute to men whose devotion to duty has a message for us today.

Yours sincerely,
WATKINSON
(Minister of Transport, 1955-9),
Tyrna House, Shore Road,
Bosham, Chichester, West Sussex.
May 25.

From Air Vice-Marshal M. D. Lyne

Sir, Your excellent Battle of the Atlantic supplement failed to mention the Merchant Ship Fighter Unit, which manned 35 ships, of which 12 were sunk during the brief life of this unit (May 1941 to July 1943).

The unit's presence in an Atlantic convoy served as a strong deterrent to attacks by long-range aircraft, which at one stage had cost the Allies almost as much tonnage as the submarine assault.

The use of Hurricane fighters far out in the ocean where the pilot could find safety only by the use of his parachute was a bold and successful policy, which is to be recognised by the management of Liverpool Airport when a permanent display is unveiled there on Saturday, May 29.

Yours truly,
MICHAEL LYNE,
9 Far Lane, Coleby, Lincoln.
May 25.

From Lord Kilbracken

Sir, In your Battle of the Atlantic supplement today, Peter Davies mentions the role played by the long-range bombers of Coastal Command and by carrier-based fighters, but omits any reference to the Swordfish squadrons (also carrier-borne), whose contribution, I believe, was greater.

Yours,
JOHN KILBRACKEN
(Flight commander,
836 Naval Air Squadron, 1943-5),
House of Lords.
May 25.

Facing both ways

From Sir Simeon Bull

Sir, On page 2 today the gale off Moelfre was from the north-east but by page 17 it had swung north-westerly. Furthermore, page 28 reported heavy trading on the Stock Exchange, though by page 31 this had shrunk to thin trading.

I appreciate reading reports of opposing views on matters of debate, but only on matters of debate.

Yours faithfully,
SIMEON BULL,
199 Piccadilly, W1.
May 27.

Tenuous connection

From Mr Nigel Sefton-Smith

Sir, Mr Ronald Taylor asks (letter, May 25) for the gamesman's response to, "Is he/she expecting your call?" Surely the response should be, "I was asked to call at this time", without implying whether the request came from the desired party or from within your own organisation.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL SEFTON-SMITH,
Sutton House, Landport Street,
Southsea, Hampshire.

From Mr Neil G. Allan

Sir, "This is Ronald Taylor returning his/her call".

Yours faithfully,
NEIL G. ALLAN,
11 Primrose Street, Dumfries.

From Mr J. H. Turnbull

Sir, "This call is unsolicited".

Yours faithfully,
J. H. TURNBULL,
Stoneycroft, Alvescot, Oxfordshire.

From Mrs Heather Power

Sir, "I don't know — you had better go and ask".

Yours faithfully,
HEATHER POWER,
2 College Court, High Street,
Charlton-on-Otmoor, Oxfordshire.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 28: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh today visited Merseyside to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic.

Her Majesty this morning arrived at Lime Street railway station, Liverpool, to join His Royal Highness and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Merseyside (Mr Henry Cotton).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh drove to Salthouse Quay, were received by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool (Councillor Michael Black), the First Sea Lord (Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst), Commander in Chief, Naval Home Command (Admiral Sir Hugo White) and met veterans associated with the Battle of the Atlantic.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness afterwards visited the Merseyside Maritime Museum where The Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque.

After touring the museum and viewing various exhibits, The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured the Chairman, National Museums and Galleries (Sir Leslie Young) with her presence at luncheon.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Liverpool Football Club on the occasion of the club's centenary and were received by the Chairman (Mr David Moores) and the Chief Executive (Mr Peter Robinson).

The Queen, having toured the club with The Duke of Edinburgh, unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness then met representatives of families bereaved by the Hillsborough disaster.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later visited Bootle Town Hall and were received by the Mayor of Sefton (Councillor Geoffrey Mann).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness met veterans associated with the Battle of the Atlantic and viewed an exhibition commemorating the battle. The Queen then unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Duchess of Grafton, Major General Brian Pennicott, Mr Robin Janvrin, Mr Charles Anson and Lieutenant Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness gave a dinner and a reception on board HMY Britannia this evening.

By command of The Queen, the Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the departure of The President of the Republic of Ireland and Mr Robinson and bade farewell to Her Excellency and Mr Robinson on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 28: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, AFASIC — Overcoming speech impairments, this morning visited the Nuffield Speech and Language Unit, 6 Castlebar Hill, London W5.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

Weekend birthdays

Today
Sir Douglas Black, physician, 80; Sir Christopher Bland, chairman, LWT (Holdings), 55; Sir Kenneth Couzens, former chairman, Coal Products, 68; Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, 48; Lieutenant-General Sir Martin Garrod, 58; Sir Anthony Grant, MP, 68; Miss Linda Esther Gray, opera singer, 45; Mrs Patricia Harris, central president, The Mothers' Union, 54; Sir Robin Haydon, diplomat, 73; Sir John Herbecq, civil servant, 71; Sir Trevor Holdsworth, chairman, National Power, 66; Mr Bob Hope, comedian, 90; Lord Huntingfield, 78; Mr David Jenkins, former librarian, National Library of Wales, 81; Professor Robert Knox, bacteriologist, 89; Sir James Marjoribanks, diplomat, 82; the Earl of Morley, 70; Miss Nanette Newman, actress, 54; Mr Terry Pavey, editor, TV Times, 50; Mr Martin Pipe, racehorse trainer, 48; Lord Rankeillour, 58; Mr Francis Rossi, rock singer and guitarist, 44; Mr Alwin Schockemöhle, showjumper, 56; Mr Sebastian Shaw, actor, 88; Sir George Terry, former chief constable, Sussex, 72; Mr Carl Toms, stage designer, 66; Professor R.L. Wain, agricultural scientist, 82; the Earl of Wilton, 72; General Sir Richard Worsley, 70.

Tomorrow
Mr W.P. Cleland, thoracic surgeon, 81; Mr Ray Cooney, theatrical producer, 61; the Marquess of Ely, 80; Mr Fredy Fisher, company director, 71; Air Marshal Sir Reginald Harland, 73; Sir Ian Lloyd, MP, 72; Professor Seton Lloyd, archaeologist, 91; Dr John Marks, former chairman, British Medical Association, 68; Dr R.G.G. Mercer, headmaster, Stonyhurst College, 44; Mr A.R. Moore, diplomat, 75; Mr Colin Myler, editor, Sunday Mirror, 41; Sir Duncan Nichol, chief executive, National Health Service Management Executive, 52; Lord Richard, QC, 61; Mr Rowland Sanders, lawyer, 97; Mr Julian Symons, author, 81; Mr Phillip Whitehead, chairman, Consumers' Association, 56; Mr Bob Willis, cricketer, 44; Sir Frederick Wood, honorary life president, Corda International, 67.

Royal engagements

TODAY: The Prince of Wales will attend a massed bands concert at Goodison Park, Liverpool, at 6.30 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Governors of Wellington College, will attend the annual speech day at Crowthorne at 10.55.

TOMORROW: The Prince and Princess of Wales will attend the Battle of the Atlantic service in Liverpool Anglican Cathedral at 10.15.

Service dinner

Royal Hong Kong Regiment
The United Kingdom branch of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) Association held their annual dinner last night at the RAMC Headquarters. Lieutenant-Colonel T.C. Villiers, branch chairman, presided.

Legal appointment

Nicholas Peter Rathbone Wall, QC, to be a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Family Division.

Lincoln's Inn

Sir Francis McWilliams, the Lord Mayor of London, to be a Bencher.

School news

The King's School, Canterbury Scholarship Examination 1993
The following have been elected King's Scholars from September 1993.
Mark Williams, Junior King's School; Andrew Ribbans, Junior King's School; Lucy Butler, Windlesham House School, Pulborough; James Brilliam, Junior King's School; Samuel Knight, The Hall, Hampstead; William Justice, Dulwich College Preparatory School, London; Mwaka Kamana, Holmewood House, Tunbridge Wells; William Tallon, Holmewood House; Christopher Pickering, Wellesley House, Broadstairs.
Exhibitions have been awarded to: William Pritchard, Dulwich College Preparatory School, Cranbrook; Rachel Hill, Arnold House School, London; Olivia Arthur, Windlesham House School; Nancy Colchester, Junior King's School; Megan Morris, Highfield School, Liphook.
Art Scholarships have been awarded to: Simon Gomersall, Windlesham House School; Alexandra Marden, Cumnor House School; Megan Morris, Highfield School; Mark Sweny, Dulwich College Preparatory School, London.

St Edward's School, Oxford
Today is Gaudy Day. The Gaudy Sermon will be preached by the Rev Peter Hullah, Headmaster of Chetham's School of Music. Prizes will be presented by the Right Rev R.D. Harries, Bishop of Oxford.
The following Scholarships have been awarded:
13+ Entry
Scholarships: Nicholas David, Dragon School, Oxford; Michael Dixon, Dragon School; James Frith, Dragon School; Nicholas Gill, St Hugh's School, Faringdon; Oliver Martin, Highfield School, Liphook; Kit McHenry, Dragon School; Tristan Powlett Smith, Dragon School; William Tadros, New College School, Oxford; Matthew Bloch, SES and Dragon School.
Exhibitions: Gordon Carver, Dragon School; Baudewijn Morgan, Llandaff Cathedral School; Ben Walker, Beachborough School, Brackley.
Music Scholarships: Timothy Price, Beechwood Park School, Markyate; Jonathan Langdon, Summer Fields, Oxford.
Music Exhibition: Jeremy Tracy, Swanbourne House School, Swanbourne.
Art Awards: Thanawood Bodiratnangkura, Cumnor House School, Danehill; Edward Lawson Johnston, Dragon School; Harry Lawson Johnston, Dragon School.
Continuation Scholarships: James Arnold, Beachborough House School, Brackley; Oliver Moncrieff, Winchester House School, Brackley; William Russell, Mount House School, Tavistock; Jonathan Shawyer, Dragon School.
Continuation Awards: Barnaby Townsend, Dragon School; Oliver Thomson, Hordle House, Milford-on-Sea.
Dragon St Edward's Scholar: Alexander Johnson, SS Philip and James First School, Oxford.
Lower Sixth Entry
Scholarships: Jonathan Corp, Lycee International, Paris; Kirsten Harper, St Gabriel's School, Newbury; Anna Williams, The Lady Eleanor Holles School, Hampton; Sophie Wisdon, The Abbey School, Reading.
Exhibitions: Caroline Anderson, Northampton High School; Christina Penny, St Nicholas' School, Fleet; Leonora Potter, Milham Ford School, Oxford.
Services Award: Stephanie Henderson, Berkhamsted School for Girls.

BOB COLLIER

Shared memories: the Queen chats to a veteran of the Battle of the Atlantic. With the Duke of Edinburgh she spent the day in Liverpool yesterday taking part in the city's commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the battle

Appointments

Geoffrey Crawford to be Deputy Press Secretary to The Queen, in succession to John Haslam who retires on September 30.

Dickie Arbiter takes up the new post of Director of Media Affairs at the Royal Collection Trust. He will continue to handle the media relations of The Prince of Wales until a successor has been appointed.

Simon Fuller, a Counsellor in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, to be Head of the UK Delegation to the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe in Vienna, in succession to Terence Wood, who remains ambassador to Austria. Mr Fuller will have the personal rank of ambassador.

John Murdoch to be Director of the Courtauld Institute Galleries. He is at present Assistant Director (Collections) at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Dr Tony Denton, Chairman of the consulting engineers Noble Denton International, has been elected President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, succeeding Professor Duncan Dowson.

Michael David Homfray-Davies to be a full-time Chairman of Industrial Tribunals from June 7. He will be assigned to the Manchester Region, to sit at Liverpool.

Edward Cohen to be joint district judge for the district of Willesden County Court from July 5.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.J.L. Aglionby and Miss S.M. Brown
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr Hugh Aglionby, of Connell, Argyle, and Mrs Margaret Aglionby, of Edinburgh, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Brown, of Saffron Walden, Essex.

Mr R.V. Bennett and Miss J.A. Gullick
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Bennett, of Hockley, Essex, and Jennifer, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Gullick, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr N.J.S. Brown and Miss F.K. Glover
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Brown, of Goring, Oxfordshire, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Glover, of Streatley, Berkshire.

Mr W.G.R. Lees-Jones and Miss A.C. Nason
The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Lees-Jones, of Lower Peover, Cheshire, and Ariel Carey, elder daughter of Mr Michael Nason, of Mortlake, London, and Mrs Robin Lalonde, of Michelmersh, Hampshire.

Mr F.N.S. McCosker and Miss M.J. Lewis
The engagement is announced between Francis, son of Dr and Mrs P.J. McCosker, of Emerald, Queensland, Australia, and Magdeleine, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.A. Lewis, of Windlesham, Surrey.

Mr B.D. Donnelly and Miss R.S.S. Kynaston
The engagement is announced between Brian, son of Mr and Mrs John Donnelly, of Magherafelt, co. Londonderry, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Kynaston, of Hong Kong.

Mr C.N. McMicking and Miss D.J. Hall
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Brigadier and Mrs Thomas McMicking, of Miltonise, Wigtownshire, and Diana, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hall, of Chathill, Northumberland.

Dr D.T. Manallack and Miss A.K. Rees
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Ken Manallack, of Melbourne, Australia, and Anna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Rees, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Mr F.L. Marshall and Miss F.G. Miller
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Francis Leigh, son of Mr and Mrs F.W. Marshall, of Ringstead, Norfolk, and Fiona Gatiss, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.C. Miller, of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.

Mr M.D. Pilbrow and Miss J.C. Daglish
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Dr and Mrs Peter Pilbrow, of Romsey, and Julienne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Daglish, of Le Landy, France.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: King Charles II, reigned 1660-85, London, 1630; William Dodd, forger, Bourne, Lincolnshire, 1729; Patrick Henry, American statesman, Hanover City, Virginia, 1736; Phillipe Lebon, inventor of gas lighting, Brachay, France, 1767; Isaac Albéniz, composer, Camprodón, Spain, 1860; G.K. Chesterton, writer, London, 1874; Oswald Spengler, philosopher, Blankenburg, Germany, 1880; T.H. White, novelist, Bombay, 1906; Tenzing Norgay, Himalayan climber, 1914; John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th American President 1961-63, Brookline, Massachusetts, 1917.

DEATHS: David Beaton, cardinal, murdered, St Andrew's Castle, Fife, 1546; John Penry, Puritan writer and martyr, executed, St Thomas a Watering, Surrey, 1593; Sir Humphry Davy, inventor of the miners' safety lamp, Geneva, 1829; William Henry Pyne, (Ephraim Hardcastle), painter and author, London, 1843; Julius von Sachs, botanist, Würzburg, Germany, 1897; Mili Balakirev, composer, Leningrad, 1910; Sir William Gilbert, librettist of the Savoy operas, London, 1911; John Barrymore, actor, Hollywood, 1942; Fanny Brice, comedienne and singer, Los Angeles, 1951; Juan Ramon Jiménez, poet, Nobel laureate 1956, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1958; John Gunther, journalist, New York, 1970; Mary Pickford, actress, Santa Monica, California, 1979.

Church services tomorrow

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M, Non vos relinquam (Byrd), Responses (Rose), Te Deum (Grayston Ives), Jubilate (Walton), Listen, sweet dove (Ives); 11 Sung Euch, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Veni, sancte spiritus (Haydn), The Dean; 3.15 E, Repleti sunt omnes (Esquivel), Responses (Rose), Wood in F, The spirit of the Lord (Elgar); 6.30 ES for Pentecost with Christ Church College choir.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Sung Euch, Komm, heiliger Geist, Darke in E, Listen, sweet dove (Ives), Komm, heiliger Geist (Bach), Canon David Jenkins.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion, Rev Jacqui Jones; 11.15 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis (Preston), O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis), Canon Paul Brett; 6 Choral E, Responses (Rose), Canticles (Jackson in G), Dum complerentur (Vittoria), Canon Barry Thompson.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany (St Erasmus Chapel); 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Rose), Benedicite (Ireland in F), Rt Rev the Bishop of Birkenhead; 11.30 Choral Euch, Darke in F, O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis), Rt Rev the Bishop of Birkenhead; 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Rose), Watson in E, Come, Holy Ghost the Maker (Thorpe-Davie), Komm Heiliger Geist (Bach); 6.30 E, Canon Michael Rees.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 M, Whitsuntide Acclamations (Eden), Boyce in C, O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis), The Dean; 11.30 HC, Whitsuntide Acclamations (Eden), Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), The Bishop; 3.30 E, Whitsuntide Acclamations (Eden), Bairstow in G minor, Come, Holy Ghost (Attwood). Voluntary: Final Symphonie I (Vierne).

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), Jubilate in B flat (Stanford), Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Organ: Gaudeamus (Campbell), The Dean; 3.45 E, Preces (Bertalot), Brewer in D, Come, Holy Ghost (Hoyle), Organ: Fugue in D minor (Mendelssohn), The Dean.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch & Procession, Darke in E, Holy spirit, ever dwelling (Howells); 11.15 M, Responses (Morley), Ireland in F, Come Holy Ghost (Attwood), The Subdean; 12.30 HC; 3.45 E, Second Service (Gibbons), Loquebantur variis linguis (Tallis), Komm, heiliger Geist (Bach).

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa Sanctae Nicolae (Haydn), Jubilate in C (Britten), Pater noster (Stravinsky), The Dean; 3.30 E, Responses (Leighton), Howells in G, The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar).

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litany; 8 Holy Euch, Rev J F Redvers Harris; 9 Procession and Parish Euch, The Lord Bishop; 11 Procession & Sung Euch, Messe Solennelle (Langlais), Creed (Shaw), Rev D M Jenkins; 12.15 Holy Euch (Lady Chapel); 3.30 Festal E, Canticles (Stanford in A), Dum ergo essent discipuli (Victoria); 6.30 Parish E & Sermon; Ven R H Roberts.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch with Hatcham Singers, Missa in illo tempore (Monteverdi), Loquebantur variis linguis (Tallis), O sacrum convivium (Morales), Canon David Atkinson; 3 E with choir of St Martin's Epsom and Epsom Chamber Choir, I sat down under his shadow (Bairstow), O for a thousand tongues (Shephard), Canon Roger Royle.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Sung Euch, Very Rev R Lewis; 11.30 M; 3 E, Rev D C Goodman.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Neary), Jubilate & Coronation Te Deum (Walton), Come, Holy Ghost (Attwood), Canon Anthony Harvey; 11.15 Abbey Euch Mass (Lewis), The dove descending (Harvey), Gracious Spirit (Forbes), Canon Colin Semper; 3 E Chichester Service (Berkeley), Der Geist hilft (Bach), Canon Donald Gray; 5.45 Recital by Choir of the College of William & Mary; 6.30 ES, Canon Colin Semper.

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch, Mass for three voices (Perosi), If ye love me, keep my commandments (Tallis), Very Rev John Southgate; 11.30 M, Responses (Griffiths), Harwood in A; 4 E, Schola Collecta Service (Hockley), Great Lord of Lords (Wood), Canon John Toy.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 11 Choral Euch, Stanford in B flat, If ye love me (Tallis). Voluntary: Toccata (Duruflé), The Dean; 3.30 Choral E, Collegium Regale (Howells), Responses (Ferial), The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar). Voluntary: Sonata in G (Elgar).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6pm LM (Sat); 8, 10 (Children's Mass), 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Sancti Joannis de Deo (Haydn), Factus est repente (Aichinger), The Most Rev Michael G Bowen, Archbishop of Southwark.

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 HC, Rev J Philip Newell; 10 HC, Missa brevis (Preston), The Minister; 11.30 MS, Antiphon (Vaughan Williams), Rev Dr Theodore R Weber; St Giles at 6, Phoenix Consort; 8 ES with HC, Rev J Philip Newell.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Morley), Te Deum (Vaughan Williams in G), Benedictus (Moore), The Dean; 11.30 HC, Messe Solennelle (Langlais), Dum complerentur dies Pentecostes (Palestrina); 3.15 E, Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense (Leighton), Come, Holy Ghost (Harvey). Voluntary: Sortie (Messiaen), Canon Michael Saward.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Choral Euch, The Canterbury Mass (Piccolo), O God give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis), The Provost; 6.30 Choral E, Noble in B minor, Come Holy Ghost the maker (Thorpe Davie).

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Credomesse (Mozart), Dum complerentur (Palestrina), Rev P McGeary; 6 E & B, Stanford in C, The Wilderness (Wesley), The Vicar.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev Christopher Hobbs; 6.30 Rev Preb Richard Bewes.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa in honorem Sancti Joseph (Peeters), Veni creator Spiritus (Attwood), Dum complerentur (Palestrina).

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 & 6.30 Rev Stanley Hood.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15 Fr Francis Edwards, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Confirma hoc Deus (Byrd), Missa brevis in C (Mozart), Veni creator (Duruflé).

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Rev Tom Gillum; 11 Informal Service (Creche and Children's Church), Rev Tom Gillum; 6.30 Informal Service, Mr Jeremy Jennings.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Mass in C (Beethoven), Dum complerentur (Victoria), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Veni Creator Spiritus (Attwood).

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 MS & HC, Rev Dr Gordon E Barritt, Rev Paul Hulme.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 & 6.30 Rev Dr John Tudor.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Pentecost HC, Rev Ronald T Englund; 7 Music and readings for Pentecost.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Rev Anthony Winter; 6.30 E, Responses (Smith), Farrant in A minor, I will not leave you comfortless (Byrd), The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Responses (Leighton), Jubilate (Boyce in A), Stanford Coronation gloria, Set me as a seal (Canon John Oates); 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Leighton), Magdalen College Service (Leighton), Ecce vicit leo (Philips), Canon John Oates.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Choral Euch, Mass in B flat (Schubert), O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Mozart in D, O Lord give Thy Holy Spirit (Tallis), The Rector.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Darke in E, Give us the wings of Faith (Bullock), Chorale varie sur Venir Creator Spiritus (Duruflé), Rev Derek Watson.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Sung Euch, Darke in E, True Love's the gift (Wood), The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Canon Donald Gray.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, Pentecost Sequence Veni, sancte spiritus, St Martin's Service (Stringer), Loquebantur variis Apostoli (Palestrina). Voluntary: Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist (Bach); 11.30 Visitors to London Service. When the Lord turned again (Batten), Responses (Marsh), Sing Joyfully (Batten). Voluntary: Carillon (Vierne), Rev John Pridmore; 2.45 Chinese E, Rev Gilbert Lee; 5 Choral E, Responses (Howells), Short Service (Ayleward), O Sacrum Convivium (Messiaen). Voluntary: Toccata (Whitlock); 6.30 ES. Voluntary: Nun danket alle Gott (Karg Elert), Rev John Pridmore.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7.15 LM; 11 HM, Messe solennelle in C sharp minor (Vierne), Fr David Priest; 6 Solemn E & B, Evening canticles in G (Sumsion).

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Darke in A minor, In diversi tongues spake the apostles (Palestrina), Rev David Jones; 6 Choral E, Noble in B minor, Dum ergo essent (Palestrina).

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Assumpta est Maria (Palestrina), Loquebantur variis linguis (Tallis), The Rector; 6.30 EP.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral Euch, Messe Solennelle (Langlais), Tantum ergo sacramentum (Duruflé).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa brevis in C (Mozart), I was glad (Parry), The Secret Flower (arr. Paton), The Bishop of London.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa Dies Sanctificatus (Palestrina), Factus est Repente (Aichinger), Loquebantur variis linguis (Palestrina); 6 EP & B.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 Sung Euch, Schubert in G, Canon E A James.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Responses (Reading), Smart in F, Come Holy Ghost (Attwood); 3.30 E, Responses (Ayleward), O Lord give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis), Moeran in D, Come Holy Ghost the Maker (Thorpe Davie).

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 11 M & Sermon (State Parade), Responses (Ebdon; Te Deum, Benedictus (Harwood in A flat), Bring us, O Lord God (Harris); 12.15 Festival of Whitsuntide with HC.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 Mass Euge Bone (Tye), Loquebantur variis linguis (Tallis), Komm Heilige Geist Herre Gott (Bach), Canon J Holden.

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BARBER - On May 18th in Hong Kong, to Jaynie (née Fowles) and Andrew, a son, Oliver Harrison, a brother for Emily.

BESWICK - On May 25th, to Penelope (née Dickinson) and Adrian, a son, Benjamin Mark Alexander.

CROSSLEY - On May 23rd, to Susan and Robert, a son, Frederick.

HERRING - On May 26th, at The Portland Hospital, to Nicola (née Rowe) and John, a daughter, Sarah Mary Anne, a sister for David.

JOIS - On May 26th at The Portland Hospital, to Sandhya and Vijay, a son, Vivek, a brother for Rekha. Grandson for L.V. Jois and Lalitha Ananth.

MALEK - On May 25th at the Wellington Hospital, to Francesca (née Shovcair) and Ali, a daughter, Mithra, a sister for Rokhsan.

OLIVER - On May 27th, to Rachel, wife of Robin, their second child, a son, Thomas William Hastings. Deo Gratias.

OWRID - To Emma (née Parkinson) and John, on 26th May 1993, in Paris, a daughter - Jessica Margaret Anne.

SAPSFORD - On 26th May at The Portland Hospital, to Daniela and Philip, a son, Timothy Oliver, a brother for Alexei and Beatrice.

SCOTT - On May 26th 1993, to Jane (née Trehearne) and Rory, a son, Sebastian Angus Edward.

SHARPLES - On March 29th, to Claire (née Wiseman) and Andrew, a son, Tristan Alexander Henry, a brother for Oliver.

TAYLOR - On May 19th, to Caroline (née Thorpe) and Stephen, a beautiful daughter, Emily Louise.

TURVILL - On May 23rd 1993, to Catriona (née Lutyens) and Jonathan, a daughter, Rebecca Kate, a sister for Sam.

VAUGHAN - On 28th May, to Helen and David, a son, Joseph. Sincere thanks to Grantham Maternity Unit.

WAKELEY - On 26th May, to Adam and Melanie, a daughter, Lily Evelyn.

WALLIS - On May 27th, to Sophie (née Dennis) and Stephen, a son, Michael Thomas.

WRENCH - See Oliver.

MARRIAGES

DIXON:MILLS - On May 19th 1993 at Oban Registry Office, Scotland, Malcolm Forbes Dixon, only son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Dixon of Gourock and Pauline Anne Mills, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Jack Mills of Cape Town.

PLANER:ELLIS - The marriage took place on 22nd May between Mr Geoffrey Planer and Mrs Jan Ellis (née Knight) in the grounds of Eldon House in Hampshire.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

FISHER:THOMAS - On 30th May 1953 at St Andrew's Church, Nunton, Wiltshire. Major Peter Fisher to Susan Caroline Thomas. Now in France.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

WALKER:WELSH - On 30th May 1933, at St Mary's, Felton, Northumberland, Ronald Robert Antony to Mary Helen.

DEATHS

BROOKE - On May 26th, peacefully at her home, Marjorie (Peggy) aged 85 years. Dearly loved wife of the late R. Brooke O.B.E. M.S. F.R.C.S. Loving mother of Jane, Roger, Robin and Virginia and devoted granny and great-granny.

DEACON - See Thomas.

GILLIAT - On 27th May 1993, peacefully in hospital, Lt-Col. Sir Martin John Gilliat G.C.V.O., M.B.E., late 60th Rifles, aged 80 years. Funeral private. Donations if desired to King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, 1 Beaumont Street, W1, or the Injured Jockeys Fund, PO Box 9, Newmarket. Memorial Service at the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields at 12 noon on Thursday 8th July.

GLUCKMAN - On 26th May, Dr. Jonathan Gluckman, in Johannesburg. Survived by his wife Lois, sons Michael and Paul, daughter Mary Raphaely and seven grandchildren.

GREAVES - Geoffrey Frank, on 26th May 1993 suddenly. Beloved of Sue, Shaun, Ian, Max, Leo and Guy. Dearly loved son of Frances and brother of Richard. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Dunsfold, Surrey, on Tuesday 1st June at 3.30pm. All enquiries Pimms (0483) 67394.

GREENWOOD - On 27th May 1993, peacefully in The Katharine House Hospice, Ann, dearly loved wife of Ted and mother of Richard, George, Jerry and Mottie, loving granny, sister and friend. Funeral Service at St Lawrence, Shotteswell, on Thursday 3rd June at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Shotteswell P.C.C., c/o J & M Humphris, Banbury, OX16 8DG.

HOPE SIMPSON - Margaret Barclay (Greta) aged 89 on 26th May at Cirencester Hospital. Much loved sister and aunt. Cremation Cheltenham Crematorium Thursday 3rd June at 3 pm. Donations if desired to the Council for the Protection of Rural England, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PP.

McMANUS - Peacefully on Wednesday 26th May 1993, John Peter Dawson, beloved brother of his four sisters and uncle to all his nieces and nephews. Funeral Service 2pm on Wednesday 2nd June at Duloe Church, near Looe, Cornwall. R.I.P. Peter.

O'SULLIVAN - On May 28th after a short illness so bravely borne, Dr. Bertie Leader O'Sullivan aged 79 years. Greatly missed by his loving wife Rachel, his children Eithne, Roderic, Kieran, Dermot and Lucy, sons and daughters-in-law and his fourteen grandchildren. Funeral at Church of Our Lady and St John, Goring-on-Thames, 11am Wednesday June 2nd. Family flowers only.

PIRIE - Suddenly at Inverclyde Royal Hospital, Greenock, on 28th May 1993, David Johnston Pirie. Beloved son of Anna, brother and friend of Sandy, beloved of Jennifer and Jonathan. Funeral Service at Greenock Crematorium on Tuesday 1st June at 3 pm to which all friends are respectfully invited.

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SAYLE - Tessa, died peacefully at her home on 27th May 1993 after a long illness. Private cremation. Flowers may be sent to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, W8, for Monday 7th June by 9.30 am. Memorial to be announced later.

THOMAS - On May 26th, peacefully at Eastbourne, Enid Margery, aged 74. Beloved widow of John Nixon Deacon MC., and secondly John Meredidd Thomas. Much loved mother of John, Anne and her grandchildren John, Joanna and Alexandra. Private funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Friday June 4th. Family at AD318, 03739 Javea, Alicante, Spain.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

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JONES - On the fiftieth anniversary of the death at Exton of Julia Mary Jones. Remembered for ever with deepest love.

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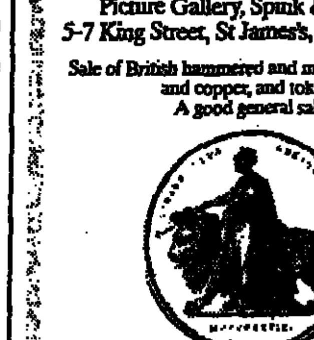

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OBITUARIES

SIR JOHN DAVIS

Sir John Davis, former chief executive, chairman and president of the Rank Organisation, died on May 27 aged 86. He was born on November 10, 1906.

JOHN DAVIS was one of the most forceful businessmen of his time, exercising autocratic power over Britain's postwar film industry, which he pruned ruthlessly, and going on — by means of a brilliant investment in the Xerox copying machine company — to build the Rank Organisation into one of the country's most successful conglomerates, controlling cinemas, hotels, holiday-camps and bingo-halls.

An ebullient, dictatorial figure who acknowledged four marriages but was reputed to have entered into six, Davis ruled the Rank Organisation as a personal fiefdom and was directly responsible both for its successes and its failures. He was loathed as much as he was admired and was notorious for the way he bossed around the Rank Organisation's contract film stars and starlets; and for the cold blooded manner in which he axed executives, dispatching around 70 during his tenure of office. His most spectacular boardroom battle occurred in 1975 when, at the age of 68 when he was chairman but reluctant to delegate authority, he sacked Graham Dowson, the company's chief executive. It was a messy and public affair in which Lord Goodman was called in for legal advice by Rank and a former governor of the Bank of England, Lord O'Brien, played a pivotal role as a non-executive director.

John Henry Harris Davis was educated at the City of London School and started his business career with the British Thompson Houston Electric Group. In 1938 he became chief accountant to the Odeon cinema chain at that time run by a Birmingham metal merchant, Oscar Deutsch.

In 1942 J. Arthur Rank (later Lord Rank) bought control of Odeon Theatres, and made Davis joint managing director, along with Deutsch. That Davis remained in senior management for so long was due in no small part to the personal confidence Rank had in him, and which he continued to have throughout the subsequent controversies.

Davis was promoted to managing director of the Rank Organisation in 1948. As such he was responsible for more than 500 Rank cinemas in Britain and scores more throughout the Commonwealth. More significantly, although his name never appeared in any film credits, he exercised supreme power over which films were made, at which studios and with what budgets. He also controlled the careers of such bright film stars of the time as Jack Hawkins, Kay Kendall and Anthony Steel and the dozens of others who were contracted to Rank, even instructing them on the way they should dress for official Rank functions.

In the 1950s, however, the British film industry was facing a slump. Not only was the industry encountering intense competition from often superior Hollywood productions, but the duty which had previously protected the domestic product from American imports had recently been scrapped. Public taste in entertainment was also changing, particularly with the advent of television. The company was in debt to the tune of £16 million and Davis felt justified in initiating a process of "rationalisation" of interests: a euphemism for the closure of cinemas and the making of fewer films. Although this was strongly criticised at the time, it made a complete restructuring of the organisation possible. The company was broken into 20 divisions, each with its own responsibility and accountability to a divisional director.

Under Davis's control, Rank began to diversify, extending into television-set manufacture, hotels and scientific equipment, as well as leisure activities such as ten-pin bowling and ballroom dancing. In the 1970s, Davis brought City Wall Properties, Butlin's and Oddenino's Property and Investment Company into the organisation.

Over the two decades that Davis was in control, the Rank Organisation grew into an enourmous conglomerate and became one of the country's star performers in terms of exports. Davis's financial management was certainly competent, but what really tipped the scales as far as profits were concerned was his decision to enter the zerography market (the photocopying process). Davis was no engineer and was making a decision to back an unproven technical product. It was a gamble that paid off. The Rank Organisation jointly with Xerox corporation of Rochester, New York, formed Rank Xerox in 1956, and in 1969 began to manufacture a range of other scientific products including computers. Rank Xerox performed just as well outside America, and zerography eventually came to account for over 40 per cent of the group sales turnover.

By 1969, the organisation's total profits had reached £60 million, and by 1972 over £80 million. Partly through good fortune, partly through management prowess and "hunch", Davis had became known as one of Britain's most formidable businessmen, as well as one of the most ruthless. There was, it was noted, an unusually high turnover among senior management staff closest to him: "I eat managing directors for breakfast", he once said. His business as well as his personal life was marked by squalls and acrimony, most of which arose from his unwillingness to delegate authority.

Over the years Davis's strength within Rank had been underpinned by the 53 per cent holding that the Rank Foundation (of which he was a trustee) held in the company. This "undemocratic" capital structure was the cause of much contention with ordinary shareholders. In 1972, however, American shareholders in the organisation (who held only non-voting "A" shares) managed to effectively stop Davis's take-over bid for the brewery concern, Watney Mann, after bitter exchanges at semi-public meetings. The Americans were concerned that Rank Xerox's profits would be diluted by the takeover.

In September 1975, disputes between Davis and his chief executive and heir apparent, Graham Dowson, erupted into a serious boardroom row. The main points of the dispute were over Davis's diversification plans and general management style. But Dowson was not backed up by the rest of the Rank board, who were made up almost entirely of non-executive directors, and whose responsibilities for the day-to-day running of the firm were not entirely clear.

Although Dowson was forced to leave, subsequent criticism from shareholders and the press over the sacking brought matters to a head for Davis. In 1976, it was announced that votes would be given to the nearly 140 voteless "A" shares held in the organisation, and that Davis would retire as chairman in March 1977. He went on to hold the position of president until 1983.

John Davis was knighted in the Birthday Honours of 1971. The last year of his chairmanship of the Rank Organisation was clouded by disappointing financial results for the shareholders, but more important was the damage done to the "image" of business by the chairman's domineering management style, which had become more obsessive with age. The flamboyance of his personal life did not improve matters. Nevertheless, the early decisions he took with regard to the structure of the British film industry helped to ensure the survival of the Rank Organisation.

His judgment was vindicated by the development of the zerography business, in which he took a bold lead after others had faltered. He also devoted much time and enthusiasm to encouraging the arts, supporting charities and promoting business professionalism, especially in the advertising industry.

The wives whom John Davis acknowledged were Joan Buckingham, whom he married in 1926 and by whom he had one son; Marian Gavid, whom he married in 1947 and with whom he had two daughters; Dinah Sheridan, the actress, whom he married in 1954; this marriage was dissolved in 1965 and in 1976 he married Mrs Felicity Rutland.

DR JONATHAN GLUCKMAN

Dr Jonathan Gluckman, the South African independent pathologist who performed the post-mortem examination on Steve Biko, died in Johannesburg on May 25 aged 78. He was born in Johannesburg on December 18, 1914.

AT AN age when most people would be contentedly retired, Jonathan Gluckman took on the full might of the South African government. A year ago he declared that he believed that the majority of 200 detainees on whom he had performed post-mortems "had been violently done to death by lower level policemen". His claims were angrily challenged by the minister of law and order and the police but he refused to back down.

In the first test of one of his reports last February an inquest found a police lieutenant responsible for the death of a black detainee who drowned in a swimming pool at a Soweto police station.

Nor did Gluckman back down in 1977 when he carried out a post-mortem on Steve Biko, the black consciousness leader, who died in the hands of the security police. After a lengthy inquest it was accepted that Biko had suffered massive brain damage although nobody was blamed for it.

Since 1985 when he retired from practice to consult on his three specialities — tissue, anatomical and forensic pathology — Gluckman had accepted work from lawyers acting on behalf of relatives of those who died in detention and found himself testifying at inquests on numerous occasions and clashing vigourously with the authorities. He was regarded by colleagues as a man prepared to risk his reputation for justice but he refused ever to make any political statements.

Although he had been in ill-health for several years he was still active as a consultant in forensic pathology up to the time of his death and was on the board of Medical Rescue International, an emergency medical service for sub-Saharan Africa, which he helped to found.

Jonathan Gluckman was born in Johannesburg and studied medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand and at St Bartholmew's Hospital, London. He took up pathology during the second world war while serving with the South African Medical Corps in the Middle East and Italy, specialising later at the British Post-Graduate Medical School. He established South Africa's largest general pathology laboratory and founded the Transvaal Society of Pathology.

He was also a long-standing fellow of the Royal College of Medicine and a prolific writer for professional journals. When he did relax he indulged a passion for opera or painted oils which decorated the walls of his Johannesburg office. He was also a keen trout fisherman. He is survived by his wife Lois, two sons and a daughter.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL SIR MARTIN GILLIAT

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, GCVO, MBE, Private Secretary to the Queen Mother, died on May 27 aged 80. He was born on February 8, 1913.

MARTIN GILLIAT, soldier and courtier, would have inspired a magnificent Spy cartoon. Tall, with wisps of hair spiking upwards, whimsical of expression, his eyes half closed, he stood in his later years in the shape of a question mark, head forward, knees bent, as though from half a lifetime of bending his ear to the lesser height of his royal mistress. On the Queen Mother's more important public engagements, Gilliat was always a pace or two behind, protective, benign and helpful. He succeeded Captain Oliver Dawnay as Private Secretary to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in 1956 and for the next 37 years was the mainstay of her Household, particularly after the death of Sir Arthur Penn in 1960. Gilliat was in the best tradition of the bachelor gentleman courtier, polite, brave, the scion of two rich, landed families; combining his executive role with a deep personal friendship with the Queen Mother.

Gilliat was the second son of Lt Colonel John Babington Gilliat, DSO, DL, JP, a Hertfordshire landowner. The Gilliats (Sir Martin's grandfather was Governor of the Bank of England) were seated at Chorleywood Cedars, Rickmansworth and Frogmore Hall, Hertfordshire, but moved to the Manor House, Welwyn, which was Sir Martin's home, though latterly he moved to Appletrees, Welwyn. His mother, Muriel Grinnell-Milne, also came from a banking family.

Gilliat's elder brother, a lieutenant in the Royals, fell foul of a tiger in India and died of his injuries in 1935, leaving Martin as heir. Gilliat was educated at Eton (where he was a Rambler), and proceeded via Sandhurst to the King's Royal Rifle Corps in 1933.

He served in the British Empire Force in the second world war, and was mentioned in dispatches, but from 1940 to 1945, he was imprisoned at Colditz. Gilliat was awarded the MBE in 1946. Modestly he never liked to expand on his Colditz days.

From 1947 to 1948 he was Deputy Military Secretary to Lord Mountbatten, when he was Viceroy of India. On the night of September 9, 1947, he was making a routine inspection of the sentry guard arrangements at a hospital in Delhi in the company of the author, Alan Campbell-Johnson. Later, possibly somewhat conspicuously dressed in white dinner-jackets, they visited the Paharganj area, a particular trouble spot. Though the streets appeared deserted, their car was suddenly fired upon at point-blank range. Gilliat was wounded behind the right ear. Their Sikh driver was killed instantly, and only by the initiative of Mountbatten's personal security officer, Inspector Elder, was the car prevented from plunging over a bridge. The party was rescued and Gilliat was delivered to the Willingdon Hospital. Though he suffered considerable loss of blood, his head wounds proved superficial.

From 1948 to 1951, Gilliat served as Comptroller to Malcolm Macdonald, Commissioner-General for the UK in Southeast Asia. Their headquarters were in Singapore, but they were constantly travelling between Malaya, Singapore, and the three British Borneo territories. These were difficult years with a great deal of communist terrorist activity in Malaya.

Gilliat then served as Military Secretary to the Governor-General of Australia from 1953 to 1955. He was in effect the right-hand man to Field Marshal Sir William Slim. This was an era when the high standards of protocol absorbed from Viceregal Lodge in Delhi were applied to Government House, Canberra, and tactily welcomed by the Australians. Bill Slim had Gilliat in mind when he joked: "Here I am a grammar-school boy surrounded by Old Etonians".

Gilliat was much to the fore when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh spent five days at Yarralumla in February 1954, during which time there were never less than 24 for lunch and 50 for dinner. Gilliat was honoured with the CVO.

In 1955 Gilliat joined the Queen Mother's Household at Clarence House, and the following year took over as Private Secretary and Equerry. For nearly forty years he was responsible for all the Queen Mother's official duties, and there was little reduction in these as the years went by. The household at Clarence House was run in the style of an old world court, everyone breaking for tea at the appropriate hour to mull over the matters of the day. The efficiency, and occasionally military precision, never stood in the way of a spirit of friendliness and courtesy. A sense of kindness and fun, that life was to be enjoyed, permeated all levels of Clarence House, and

emanated directly from the Queen Mother. To Gilliat fell the pleasant task of assisting her in the spreading of this aura of bonhomie. Visitors to Clarence House were always given the impression that they were being allowed a glimpse of a special world, and if they needed to be loosened up a little, Gilliat was the pourer of no mean gin-and-tonic.

Gilliat — he was advanced KCVO in 1962 and GCVO in 1981 — was also responsible for the many private interests of the Queen Mother. He could occasionally be spotted waving a catalogue at Christie's or Sotheby's. He shared and encouraged Her Majesty's passion for the turf. He was himself a keen racehorse owner, training with Ryan Price, and running his stable in light blue, black cross-belts and gold cap.

He assisted the Queen Mother in the buying of her stable, and maintained a complete record of all her horses in a series of blue-bound volumes. He could be seen in many a royal box clad in grey morning suit, binoculars to hand, and nor was he adverse to placing a bet. But the *Private Eye* story that he was spotted in a betting establishment in St James's, placing a substantial sum on the as-yet-unannounced Christian name of the infant Prince William, is surely too unsporting to be true.

It was Sir Martin's custom, along with other Members of the Household, to invite his "employer" (as he called the Queen Mother) to the theatre on her birthday. This outing required numerous advance reconnaissance visits, as Gilliat, an "angel" in the theatre, eliminated possibility of happenings on stage deemed unsuitable for the Queen Mother's public observance.

He was often at Royal Lodge, acting as *animateur* of the party, and fighting a not entirely successful rearguard action to protect the Queen Mother from overdoing things. During her weekend parties, she was never particularly keen to go to bed. Gilliat was never off duty. When playing croquet after luncheon, he would cast frequent glances at the door lest the Queen Mother emerge after her siesta.

Every year an American prelate (now deceased) spent a weekend there. He was known to have a fondness for dry Martinis, after which he was less than his normal stimulating company. One Sunday evening, the Queen Mother urged Sir Martin "on pain of dismissal" to ensure that the bishop had but one dry Martini before dinner.

Alas he succeeded in securing a second, as a result of which, in the dining room he stood silent — interminably — when he should have said Grace. Sir Martin said later that in those few moments his whole career passed before him. He went through Ludgrove and Eton and was halfway through Sandhurst, when the bishop recovered himself and intoned: "For Her Majesty's kindness in bringing us together in this place, O Lord, and for thy bountiful mercy . . ."

With such incidents and many more were Sir Martin's later years fulfilled. He continued to serve the Queen Mother until cancer laid him low. On the occasion of her 90th birthday he paid tribute to her on television, and when he was asked about the decade to come, he said he was confident she would be around, but (with a genial laugh) was less confident about himself and some of the others who served her.

Martin Gilliat was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Hertfordshire and Vice-Lieutenant in 1971. He became an honorary Bencher of the Middle Temple in 1977. In the same year the Queen Mother bestowed on him an honorary LLD at London University.

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IRELAND
DUBLIN, MAY 24

The account of a plan being formed for the infurgents in the country to march into town, to aid their confederates, and to poffefs themfelves of the City of Dublin, is in part confirmed.

A party of cavalry of the Infurgents, fome fay amounting to feveral hundreds, who had not known that their plot was difcovered, were met laft night on their march to the metropolis, by a fmall party of horfe of the regulars, who attacked them, took about 30 prifoners, and put the reft to flight. They brought in three which they killed, who were almoft cut in pieces, and lay expofed the whole of yefterday in the Caftle Yard. They were country-looking men, well dreffed and were either farmers or the fons of fuch perfons.

A party of the infantry of the regulars, that were fent in another direction beyond the environs of the town came up with feveral armed with pikes, fome of whom they took prifoners, and killed three. The latter with their pikes were hung up in Barrack-ftreet the whole of this day. The Yeomanry are feizing pikes in all directions, and in a few days we expect tranquility will be completed reftored.

Laft night the Northern Mail Coach was ftopped under Santry Wall and, together with the letters it contained, burned. The circumftances were thefe: In a certain part of the road, carts were placed fo as to obftruct the paffage of the coach, which, having arrived at this point, was furrounded by nine or ten armed perfons, who faid that they intended no harm, but merely wifhed to prevent the contents of the mail from falling into the hands of a great body of infurgents, which was a little farther on. The coachman and guard conceiving by fuch language that their obftruction proceeded from loyal precaution, made no refiftance, and were undeceived only feeing the coach, &c. in a few moments in flames, they having previoufly been forced into an adjoining houfe. In the fields near to where this tranfaction took place, were aflembled a large body of people, not lefs, as the mailcoachmen calculated, than a thoufand perfons. A fmall remnant of the letters were brought, half burnt, to the Poft-office. None of the paffengers were ill-treated, nor any thing taken from their perfons. The Connaught mail was alfo ftopped between Lucan and Leixlip, and broken to pieces and the letters deftroyed. The guard was very feverely wounded.

In confequence of fome information of an alarming nature received by Government, the drum beat to arms about twelve o'clock laft night, and the feveral corps of Yeomanry in this city repaired to their alarm poft—cannon were placed in the avenues leading to the Caftle—the military preparations wore the moft awful appearance—and a confiderable degree of conflernation prevailed throughout the night.

This morning led us further into the caufe. A large body of infurgents had aflembled between Crumlin and Tallagh, in the neighbourhood of Saggard, all armed, and moft of them mounted: they were oppofed by the Yeomanry, who fired on them, but without effect, and were obliged to retreat . . .

NEWS

Major tries to reassure Tory right

■ John Major tried to calm Conservative nerves after the abrupt dismissal of Norman Lamont by insisting that there would be no change of economic policy under his successor, Kenneth Clarke.

The prime minister moved to reassure Tory rightwingers concerned by Mr Clarke's appointment as Chancellor of the Exchequer by ruling out any early return to the European exchange-rate mechanism ..... **Pages 1, 2, 15**

Concern rises over health service

■ Public concern over the health service has increased sharply following speculation over the possibility of extending charges for prescriptions and hospital stays..... **Page 1**

Allitt jailed for life

Serial killer Beverly Allitt was jailed for life as her parents joined the call for a public enquiry. Allitt was sentenced at Nottingham Crown Court to 13 life terms..... **Pages 1, 3, 15**

Florentines protest

More than 100,000 people marched through Florence to protest the bombing of the Uffizi Gallery but the saddest walk was through the museum's exhibition rooms littered with damaged paintings and statues..... **Pages 1, 9**

Killer sought

Police are hunting the killer of a 12-year-old London girl whose body was discovered in an alley after she failed to return home from school..... **Page 1**

Relief in Peking

There will be relief in Peking that President Clinton decided to abandon his campaign promises to get tough with China in favour of a few homilies on human rights..... **Page 13**

Enquiry hampered

The investigation into the RAF Hercules crash which claimed the lives of nine airmen has been hampered by the lack of a black box flight recorder..... **Page 7**

Listening in

British, French and German spymasters are forcing the manufacturers of a new European-wide mobile phone system to downgrade its technology and make it more vulnerable to eavesdroppers..... **Page 5**

Air drops discussed

United Nations officials are discussing relief air drops to the north Bosnian town of Maglaj with the US military. It has been cut off for two weeks because of heavy shelling. Planes would take off from the Rhein-Main air base in Germany.. **Pages 10, 15**

Polish leader quits

Hanna Suchocka, the Polish prime minister, lost a no-confidence vote in parliament and submitted her resignation to President Walesa..... **Page 11**

Moscow rewards Cold War warrior

Lest the gentlemen from the CIA are wondering what became of their old foe Dimitri Yakushkin, for seven years the top KGB officer in Washington, they can rest assured that his efforts have not gone unrewarded after the unscheduled demise of the Soviet Union..... **Page 13**

Judicial review: Karin Grasshoff, of the German constitutional court, listens to the abortion ruling in Karlsruhe yesterday. **Page 11**

BUSINESS

Lloyd's ruling: The Court of Appeal has ruled that stop-loss policies can be paid directly to Lloyd's of London names, a move that may save members of the insurance market who are threatened with eviction..... ***Page 19***

Nice work: A would-be chief executive who was pipped for the post has been paid £390,000 compensation without doing a day's work. David Fyfe had quit his existing job to join Devro. It was his second big payoff in three years..... **Page 19**

Top earners: Stephen Wynn, who runs Mirage Resorts, the American gaming group, earned $34.2 million last year, putting him at the top of *Fortune* magazine's league of earners..... **Page 21**

Markets: The weak dollar dragged the pound down 2 pfennigs to DM2.4810 as recent buyers of sterling took profits before the long weekend. The FT-SE 100 index lost 14.6 points to 2840.7 **Page 22**

SPORT

Cricket: England's cricket selectors must throw out all the old familiar faces when choosing the side to play Australia in the first Test of the Ashes series, says Alan Lee. Somerset's Mark Lathwell must be called up..... **Page 35**

Football: "The new Chancellor might disagree but no job is more certain to end in acrimony and premature old age than that of manager of the England football team." Andrew Longmore profiles Graham Taylor before this evening's World Cup match in Poland..... **Page 34**

Motor racing: Nigel Mansell finds himself at the hub of psychological intrigue before the 77th Indianapolis 500 tomorrow, the sternest test of his career..... **Page 31**

Golf: Gary Evans of Worthing shot a first-round 66 to take the early lead in the Volvo PGA championship at Wentworth and was fined £250 for slow play..... **Page 30**

WEEKEND

False move: Tom Rhodes falls prey to the chess hustlers of Greenwich Village where the game is all about speed..... **Page 1**

Bats in the belfry: National Bat Week starts today — with protests from vicars about their unwelcome hangers-on, which they say threaten the life of the church ... **Page 3**

Coronation feast: Frances Bissell presents dishes from the days of Elizabeth I to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Queen's coronation next week..... **Page 5**

Stable friendships: Kari Knight tells where children can learn to ride horses, and Sir Alastair Burnet recalls the legendary days of the Derby..... **Pages 8, 10**

Jumbo crossword: A chance to win one of five £50 prizes..... **Page 12**

Television: David Flusfeder reports on two dainty sleuths, the tall one and the small one, who follow the Morse code..... **Page 18**

ARTS

Save Santa Sophia: The world's oldest church — the 1,500 year-old Santa Sophia in Istanbul — is in danger of collapse when the next earthquake hits. Experts are trying to find a way of strengthening the structure..... **Weekend, page 14**

Pacific overtures: Why is the government of a tiny Pacific island investing in a new West End musical about the life of Leonardo da Vinci? ..... **Weekend, page 14**

Chilly Cleopatra: "The Cleopatra that Clare Higgins gives us is always calculating; the natural impulses of love are not in evidence," writes Jeremy Kingston about the Royal Shakespeare Company production of *Antony and Cleopatra*..... **Weekend, page 14**

German exploration: The belated British discovery of 20th-century German theatre continues with a production of Ferdinand Bruckner's study of errant sexuality, *Pain of Love*..... **Weekend, page 14**

TV LISTINGS

Attempts to conquer Everest are explored in *The Seven Faces of Everest* (BBC2, 8pm)..... **Page 16**

OPINION

Presidential reprieve

The close victory for his economic plan ... has given President Clinton a breathing space in which to recreate his credibility..... **Page 15**

Dangerous to know

The reluctance to make hard judgments or outright condemnations of individuals has clouded the issues of criminal justice and produced real dangers to public safety..... **Page 15**

Welsh rarebit

This new ruler, Mr Redwood, will be just like all the others. He was, it is true, a servant of Margaret Thatcher. But do not worry about his fascination with the almighty She Goddess..... **Page 15**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

I imagine it will not be much comfort for President Clinton to know that Christophe, the sought-after crimper ... who trimmed the presidential top-knot with such echoing effect, is, or was, also the hairdresser of President Mobutu ... he had Christophe fly out *weekly*. **Page 14**

SIMON JENKINS

What is extraordinary is that counter-terrorist conservation should be overwhelmed by doctrinal theology. Evangelicals are fighting Anglo-Catholics in the dust of St Ethelburga's..... **Page 14**

LETTERS

Music professors call for the support of young musicians... **Page 15**

THE PAPERS

The bomb attack on Florence is a barbarous act ... there is no doubt its objective is to create a climate of terror

Le Monde

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A bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky uniquely bottled only when at its peak of perfection rather than at a pre-determined age, together with a beautifully crafted stationery rack, will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

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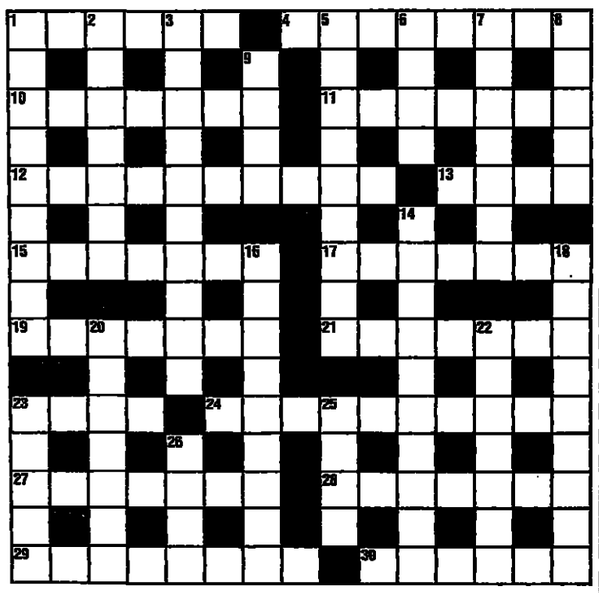

ACROSS

1 Restaurant serving brown chopped duck (6).
4 Suitable anger with which father sent back the drink (8).
10 Slander coming from university in tranquil US city (7).
11 Scared by a novice carrying weapons (7).
12 The mobiles moving round can be merry (10).
13 Yield from what went into the ground reported (4).
15 One got well with this? A Victorian fantasy! (7).
17 Fund manager's target — to restrict trouble with plant (7).
19 Hair band permitted (7).
21 Seen to be measly? (7).
23 Look out from hollow (4).
24 Yesterday's *Times*? Appears wet, having been thrown out (5,5).
27 One's own personal batman? (7).
28 Top game (7).
29 Lose out in amorous engagement, to become this? (8).
30 Smile and almost show no fear (2,1,3).

DOWN

1 Slanderer showing wisdom orally (9).
2 Ordinary realist in for a shock (7).
3 Shaky animal with fetter round leg? (10).
5 Youngster's friends are stage partners (9).
6 Genuine old coin (4).
7 The play for Marie (7).
8 Fake sweet (5).
9 They give a positive response (4).
14 Only cod available now, did you say? That's inappropriate (3,2,5).
16 Wild man to appear in no more races? Not the type you'd expect to be retiring (9).
18 Fluffy covering for an apple pie? (9).
20 Diggers' victory encompassed by sea power (7).
22 Bar in which man is embracing an immoral woman (7).
23 Hero holding up archer (5).
25 He's left the bishop in a commotion (2-2).
26 Phone an invitation (4).

Concise Crossword
Weekend page 18

Solution to Puzzle No 19,237

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Northern Scotland will be cloudy with rain or drizzle. Cloud and rain will move into the southwest, southwest Wales and Northern Ireland, spreading to the rest of the country by evening. Heavier rain later, especially in the northwest and over Scotland. In eastern England the rain will be more showery; some places may stay dry. Becoming windy on western coasts. Outlook: Rain clearing all but Scotland; sunny intervals and scattered showers.

EUROPE

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	24	75	s	Madrid	19	66	f
Akrotiri	26	79	s	Majorca	26	79	f
Alex'dria	24	75	s	Malaga	22	72	s
Algiers	24	75	f	Malta	27	81	s
Amst'dm	12	54	c	Melb'rne	17	63	s
Athens	25	77	s	Mexico C*	22	72	s
Bahrain	35	95	s	Miami*	29	84	f
Bangkok	33	91	f	Milan	26	79	f
Barcelna	21	70	s	Montreal*	16	61	s
Beirut	24	75	s	Moscow	12	54	f
Belgrade	27	81	f	Munich	20	68	f
Berlin	16	64	f	Nairobi	25	77	f
Biarritz	17	63	f	Naples	28	82	f
Borde'x	17	63	c	N Delhi	35	95	s
Brussels	12	54	c	N York*	21	70	s
Budapst	26	79	f	Nice	25	77	s
B Aires*	10	50	s	Oslo	16	64	s
Cairo	29	84	s	Paris	16	61	c
Cape Tn	16	61	c	Peking	35	95	s
Chicago*	21	70	f	Prague	19	66	f
Ch'church	04	39	s	Reykjavik	5	41	f
Cologne	15	59	r	Rhodes	26	78	s
C'phagn	13	55	r	Rio de J	20	68	f
Corfu	26	79	s	Riyadh	40	104	s
Dublin	14	57	f	Rome	24	75	s
Dubrovnik	28	82	s	Salzburg	16	61	f
Faro	19	66	s	S F'risco*	18	64	c
Florence	27	81	f	Santiago*	13	55	c
Frankfurt	19	66	f	S Paulo*	22	72	f
Funchal	20	68	s	Seoul	27	81	s
Geneva	15	59	c	Sing'por	30	86	f
Gibraltar	22	72	s	St'kholm	11	52	f
Helsinki	12	54	s	Straeb'rg	18	68	f
Hong K	27	81	s	Sydney	18	64	c
Innsbruck	16	61	f	Tangier	20	68	f
Istanbul	25	77	s	Tel Aviv	26	79	s
Jeddah	34	93	s	Tenerife	22	72	s
Jo'burg*	19	66	s	Tokyo	27	81	f
Karachi	35	95	s	Toronto*	13	55	f
L Palmas	22	72	s	Tunis	24	75	s
Le Tquet	14	57	c	Valencia	28	79	s
Lisbon	19	66	f	Vanc'ver*	18	64	s
Locarno	18	64	c	Venice	27	81	f
London	14	57	c	Vienna	15	59	r
L Angels*	20	68	s	Warsaw	14	57	c
Luxembg	13	55	c	Wash'ton*	27	81	s
Luxor	38	100	f	Zurich	17	63	f

* denotes figures are latest available

HIGH/LOW TIMES

London 9.35 pm to 4.22 am
Bristol 9.44 pm to 4.32 am
Edinburgh 10.18 pm to 4.09 am
Manchester 9.54 pm to 4.20 am
Penzance 9.50 pm to 4.50 am

TODAY

Sun rises: 4.52 am — Sun sets: 9.05 pm
Moon rises 1.43 pm — Moon sets 1.26 am

Full Moon June 4

London 9.36 pm to 4.21 am
Bristol 9.46 pm to 4.31 am
Edinburgh 10.14 pm to 4.07 am
Manchester 9.56 pm to 4.19 am
Penzance 9.51 pm to 4.49 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 4.51 am — Sun sets: 9.06 pm
Moon rises 3.04 pm — Moon sets 1.50 am

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

UK TODAY

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	-	9	48	dull
Anglesey	-	0.07	11	52	rain
Aviemore	6.7	-	12	54	sunny
Belfast	-	0.36	10	50	rain
Birmingham	-	0.68	11	52	rain
Bognor Regis	1.5	0.44	18	64	cloudy
Bournemouth	5.6	0.28	19	66	sunny
Bristol	-	0.06	15	59	drizzle
Buxton	-	1.07	10	50	rain
Cardiff	0.4	0.03	15	59	drizzle
Clacton	-	0.11	14	57	drizzle
Colwyn Bay	-	0.36	11	52	rain
Cromer	-	0.81	11	52	rain
Eastbourne	5.2	0.03	17	63	bright
Edinburgh	0.5	-	11	52	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	4.2	-	11	52	bright
Falmouth	8.4	0.02	17	63	sunny
Folkestone	-	0.02	17	63	cloudy
Glasgow	4.7	-	12	54	sunny
Guernsey	11.3	-	17	63	sunny
Hastings	1.2	0.10	17	63	cloudy
Hunstanton	-	0.48	11	52	rain
Isle of Man	-	0.29	11	52	rain
Jersey	10.9	-	19	66	sunny
Kinloss	0.2	-	9	48	cloudy
Leeds	-	0.41	13	55	rain
Lerwick	0.4	-	8	46	cloudy
Littlehampton	0.9	0.29	17	63	cloudy
Liverpool	-	0.62	11	52	rain
London	-	0.19	14	57	cloudy
Lowestoft	-	1.61	11	52	rain
Manchester	-	0.91	12	54	rain
Margate	-	0.05	15	59	drizzle
Minehead	8.7	0.19	16	61	sunny
Morecambe	-	0.36	11	52	rain
Newcastle	-	0.01	9	48	cloudy
Plymouth	9.9	0.25	17	63	sunny
Poole	4.9	0.15	18	64	sunny
Salcombe	10.2	0.18	18	64	sunny
Sandown	6.5	0.52	18	64	bright
Scarborough	-	0.06	10	50	cloudy
Scilly Isles	11.2	-	17	63	sunny
Shanklin	5.7	0.61	17	63	sunny
Southend	-	0.07	15	59	dull
Southsea	1.7	0.36	17	63	cloudy
Stornoway	10.7	-	10	50	sunny
Swanage	8.7	0.16	18	64	sunny
Teignmouth	10.6	0.02	18	64	sunny
Tenby	8.3	0.17	15	59	bright
Tiree	14.3	-	13	55	sunny
Torquay	11.1	0.02	17	63	sunny
Weymouth	11.3	0.15	17	63	sunny
Wick	0.2	-	8	46	cloudy
Worthing	1.9	0.58	17	63	cloudy

These are Thursday's figures

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.35	2.15
Austria Sch	18.50	17.00
Belgium Fr	54.20	49.80
Canada $	2.095	1.938
Denmark Kr	10.15	9.35
Finland Mkk	9.05	8.25
France Fr	8.88	8.18
Germany Dm	2.68	2.43
Greece Dr	352.50	327.50
Hong Kong $	12.68	11.68
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2580.00	2255.00
Japan Yen	184.50	165.50
Netherlands Gld	2.955	2.725
Norway Kr	11.15	10.35
Portugal Esc	250.00	232.00
South Africa Rd	6.42	5.42
Spain Pta	203.00	190.50
Sweden Kr	11.82	11.02
Switzerland Fr	2.35	2.17
Turkey Lira	16400.0	15400.0
USA $	1.655	1.525

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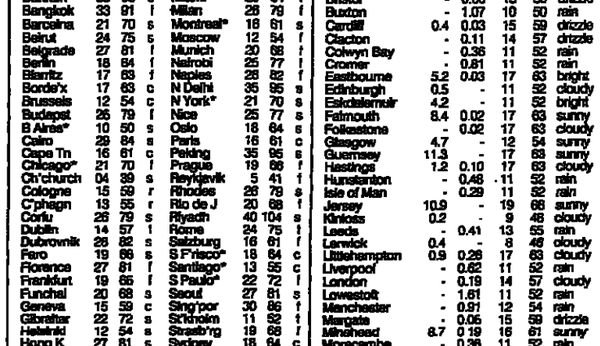

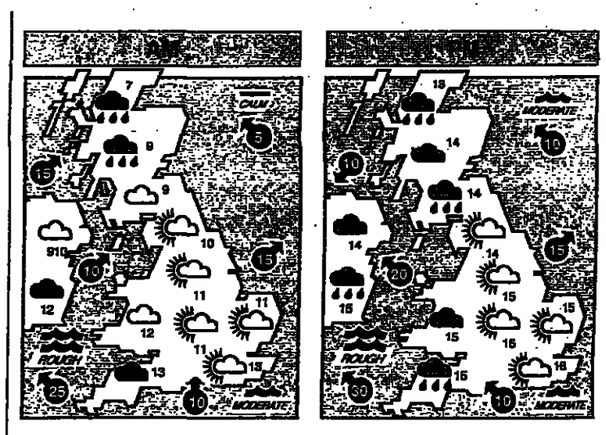

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RECALL OF TOY DULUX DOGS

ICI Paints recently commissioned additional safety tests on a batch of toy Dulux dogs used as part of a promotion which raised money for charity between October and 31 December 1992 and which have been available since that time.

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Anyone who has a toy Dulux dog supplied by ICI Paints should contact the following freecall helpline: 0800 106010. Arrangements will be made to replace the toy Dulux dog free of charge.

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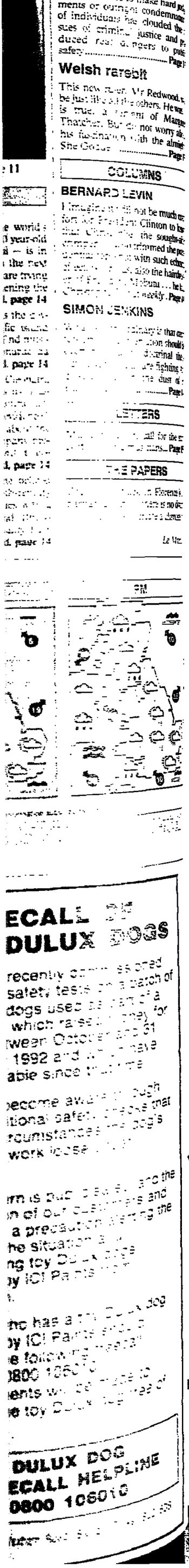

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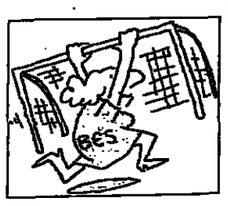

Abolishing BES loanbacks retrospectively, as a Tory MP has suggested, would be a vote loser *Letters p26*

THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5635 (+0.0108)
German mark .... 2.4810 (-0.0235)
Exchange index ..... 80.4 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2840.7 (-14.6)
Dow Jones ... 3526.60 (-28.23)*
Nikkei Avge .... 20843.69 (-8.94)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank.... $5^{15}/_{16}$-$5^{13}/_{16}$%
US Federal Funds..... $2^{15}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treas Bills . 3.06-3.05%*
Long Bond 6.95%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5610*	£:$ 1.5610
$:DM ..1.5875*	£:DM 2.4773
$:SWfr. 1.4180*	£:SWfr...2.2143
$:Fr ...5.3575*	£:Fr 8.3685
$:Yen .107.16*	£:Yen ...167.42
£:SDR ..1.0982	£:ECU ..1.2765

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 381.00 ..... PM 377.45
Close 378.70-379.20
New York:
Comex 378.95-379.45*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 140.6 April (1.3%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Hard knocks: the court judgment follows a meeting of names at which David Rowland, left, and Peter Middleton faced bruising criticism

Names get cash lifeline in appeal court ruling

BY JON ASHWORTH

■ Lloyd's insurance market and names facing bankruptcy both welcomed a Court of Appeal ruling that releases millions of pounds to banks and building societies

STRICKEN members of the Lloyd's of London insurance market were thrown a multi-million pound lifeline by the Court of Appeal, which ruled that money recovered from personal stop-loss policies could be paid to them directly. The ruling may spare dozens of names from bankruptcy and is a setback for Lloyd's, which is attempting to garner fresh funds.

Far from attacking the ruling, however, Lloyd's hailed it as a milestone in its efforts to return to overall profit. The judgment, it said, secured its title to more than £300 million already recovered from personal stop-loss policies.

A Lloyd's spokesman said the judgment would be "a substantial benefit to Lloyd's solvency". It means that recoveries from policies committed to Lloyd's for solvency purposes may not be withdrawn. The amount involved covers £89 million for the 1990 Lloyd's solvency test and £250 million for the 1991 test.

The court also ruled that any stop-loss recoveries that had been irrevocably assigned by members to their premium trust funds by virtue of letters of assignment could not be withdrawn. Although this amount is not quantified, Lloyd's said it was understood to be "very substantial".

The Court of Appeal, presided over by Sir Thomas Bingham, the Master of the Rolls, unanimously rejected an appeal by Lloyd's against an earlier judgment in the names' favour. It established that recoveries under personal stop-loss policies taken out by names were not trust monies and, with certain exceptions, names were entitled to receive the recoveries direct.

Michael Freeman, a solicitor acting on behalf of more than 100 names, said the decision was of "very great importance". Names will now be able to pay recoveries running into millions of pounds to banks and building societies that gave guarantees to Lloyd's and are threatening to seize homes and farms.

Mr Freeman believes that, contrary to Lloyd's advice, names are also entitled to receive their UK and US tax rebates directly. He said: "The trust money has been pouring into a bucket with a hole in it."

Lawrence Earl, a name from Chigwell, Essex, said: "I am absolutely delighted with the news. Many will benefit, but it comes too late for those who have already lost their homes, their farms and their businesses."

The legal breakthrough follows a rowdy meeting of 3,000 names at London's Royal Albert Hall this week. David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, and Peter Middleton, chief executive, were subjected to three hours of hostile questioning over plans to return the 300-year-old insurance market to profit.

The names, many of whom face bankruptcy, were told that £440 million in aid was available to ease the burden of this year's record losses of up to £2.8 billion. Mr Rowland said names could use some of the money in their 1993 premium trust funds to meet cash calls and closed-year losses or to pass the solvency test.

Under a wide-ranging business plan unveiled last month, Lloyd's hopes to offer limited liability to new members in an attempt to attract desperately needed funds. The market is estimated to have lost £6 billion in the past four years.

US economy still weak

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU AND JANET BUSH

AMERICA'S economy grew by a disappointing 0.9 per cent annual rate during the first quarter this year, putting hopes of a strong and sustained economic recovery into the further distance.

The official gross domestic product figure, which compares with a previous government estimate of 1.8 per cent, shows that only a strong rise in inventories prevented the US economy from falling back into negative growth. It paints a picture of an economy still bumping along the bottom after a recession that ended almost two years ago. Wall Street was nursing a loss of more than 30 points after the figures were released.

The continued weakness of the US economy will almost certainly affect the Federal Reserve, which is believed to have decided during a meeting last week to lean towards higher interest rates because of a recent upsurge in the consumer price index. The Fed's willingness to increase interest rates, however, will be constrained by a lack of economic growth.

The largest factor behind the much reduced growth is the decline in consumer spending from an annual rate of 5.1 per cent in the last quarter of 1992 to 1.2 per cent in the first quarter this year.

In London, the pound slid again, pulled down by a weak dollar and a strong mark. Economists said the selling had little to do with the new Chancellor. They dismiss talk that Kenneth Clarke will lower interest rates and that buyers of sterling were taking profits before the long weekend.

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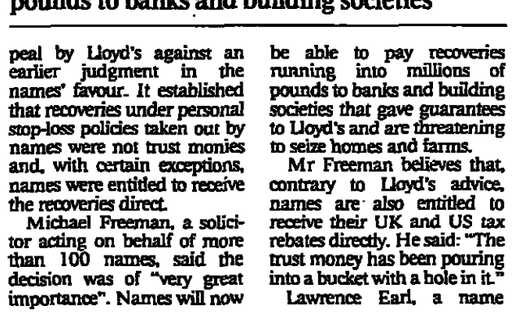
Virgin hopes its PC will take off

BY RODNEY HOBSON



ALL is sweet and innocent between Sugar and Virgin. Two of the country's great entrepreneurs seek to avoid a confrontation in the cut-throat world of personal computers.

Richard Branson, boss of the Virgin Atlantic airline and a retail empire, will launch his computer at the Business Computing Show in September. His selling point will be a more powerful chip than many PC makers use.

Virgin is, however, keen to play down any clash with Amstrad, the group built up by Alan Sugar. John Jenkins, a Virgin executive, said: "It would be arrogant for us to think we could compete head-on with Amstrad, which is already established.

"There are a number of IBM-compatible computer makers who are not market leaders. We will sneak into the market quietly."

Mr Jenkins is sales and marketing manager of Virgin Euromagnetics, a small electronics company with annual turnover of about £12 million that Virgin has owned for two years. Its main products at present are floppy diskettes sold in Virgin stores. The new computer, which will use the Intel 486 microprocessor chip, is being designed and built by Virgin. Parts will be made in Taiwan — Amstrad also manufactures in the Far East — and assembled in Britain.

Mr Jenkins said: "It would be arrogant for us to put our badge on someone else's computer and think we could charge a premium for the Virgin name."

Of a possible war with Amstrad, he said: "There is room for both of us in the marketplace. Our machine will carve a separate niche from Amstrad."

Quite so, agrees Amstrad. A spokesman said: "Great. If they are going to spend some money promoting themselves and their machine, it will increase interest in the sector. Any competitor is welcome as long as it extends the market. We wish them luck."

Virgin will be selling through other high street outlets and through its existing distributors. The machine is expected to cost just over £1,000 and initially about 3,000 a month will be built.

Mr Jenkins said: "There is no real reason why a business computer cannot be used for games and a games machine for business. Our computer will be business-oriented. But if we can capture the games market, the teenagers of today will be the businessmen of tomorrow."

Would-be chief executive paid £390,000 to stay at home

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE chief executive-designate of a company heading for the stock market has negotiated a compensation package of £390,000 without doing a day's work at the company after another man was given the top job instead.

The deal is the second time in three years that David Fyfe has won a big pay-off in the game of corporate snakes and ladders. In late 1990, Mr Fyfe resigned from an earlier job after a boardroom row and collected £397,000.

Mr Fyfe quit Hickson International, where he ran the specialty chemicals division, last week after being offered the chief executive's post at Devro International, a maker of sausage skins and other organic food casings. Devro, a management buyout in April 1991, is preparing a stock market flotation and had been seeking a successor to Frank De Angeli, now 68, and the man behind the buyout, in time for the listing.

But the company announced last night that Graeme Alexander, currently the technical director, will take the chief executive's post, leaving Mr Fyfe out in the cold. The latter had been hired on a three-year contract at a salary of £125,000, so the £390,000 pay-off from Devro is actually in excess of his total contractual entitlement.

"Before he got his feet under the table, the company decided they wanted an insider to carry things on," said one source at the company. The decision was taken as the pre-marketing exercise ahead of the float got under way with the City, and he added the institutions had been "very impressed" with Mr Alexander.

Mr Fyfe had never formally accepted the chief executive post at Devro, but as it had been offered to him and he had quit his previous job as a consequence, the company decided this was a sufficient foundation for a legal action.

Devro was unable to say why the pay-off was so generous and was more than Mr Fyfe could have expected in the normal course of negotiations. But it is thought the company feared the embarrassment of a long protracted legal fight with Mr Fyfe that might have soured the flotation. Before moving to Hickson he was managing director of MTM, another chemicals company, but in December 1990 he left after turning down the offer to run its American operations. His pay-off is recorded in the 1991 report and accounts.

As head of one of the four main divisions at Hickson, Mr Fyfe had been expected to take a main board post, but it is understood that this had been refused by the directors, who were keen to limit the size of the board.

American gets $34m for one year's work

Stephen Wynn, who runs Mirage Resorts, the American gaming group, earned $34.2 million last year, putting him at the top of *Fortune* magazine's league of earners, while Charles Lazarus, the head of Toys "R" Us, pocketed a single bonus of $6.7 million.

The high level of executive pay in America last year was influenced by President Clinton's higher tax proposals.

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Yen's strength drags down Japanese car profits

Muramatsu: uncertainty

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

JAPANESE carmakers' profits have skidded on weak sales and the strong yen, and they are unlikely to get back in the fast lane this year.

Nissan Motor Co, the number two carmaker, yesterday reported a net loss of 26.25 billion yen (£157 million) for the year ended March 31, its first net loss since it listed its shares in 1951. Four of Nissan's smaller cousins also released sharply pared results, with two announcing losses. While Nissan should break even in 1993-4, that outlook remained hostage to the same strong yen and weak demand that hit last year's results, the company said. Atsushi Muramatsu, Nissan's vice-president, said: "We have good expectations about our internal cost cutting and other efforts, but external conditions remain uncertain. If the dollar stays below 115 yen, achieving our forecasts could be quite tough."

The yen's antics were enough to dampen even the best of years. The dollar averaged Y125 in 1992-3, against Y133 the previous year. It has already plumbed deeper in 1993-4, reaching a low of Y107.10 last week. A strong currency means Japanese firms receive fewer yen for the same amount of dollar sales, forcing them to either raise prices overseas or cut costs even harder at home.

Nissan officials said changing exchange rates could slice Y100 billion off revenues this year, although they expect to cut the impact in half through price rises and other measures. But the yen was not the only woe faced by the carmakers. Domestic sales fell 7 per cent last fiscal year for an unprecedented second consecutive year. The industry has forecast a 1.6 per cent upturn this fiscal year, but some industry officials admit that may be wishful thinking.

Demand fell just as the carmakers were struggling to slim down from the excesses of the 1980s, when booming sales encouraged many of them to invest too much money in too many new models and production facilities.

Mitsubishi Motors Corp did relatively well, however, helped by its strong position in the still growing recreational vehicle segment. Mitsubishi's net profit fell 25 per cent to Y20.23 billion and the company forecast a steady profit of Y21 billion this fiscal year.

Mazda Motor Corp said net profit fell 72 per cent to Y2.62 billion. It forecast a loss of Y12 billion. Daihatsu Motor Co announced a Y3.59 billion net loss. It forecast a profit of Y5 billion. Fuji Heavy Industries, maker of Subarus, had a Y6.08 billion net loss. It forecast a loss of Y7 billion.

Earlier this month, Suzuki Motor Corp said its 1992-3 parent net profit fell 10 per cent, and Honda Motor Co said its net profit fell 8 per cent. Toyota Motor Corp, Japan's largest carmaker, settles its books in June. In February, it forecast parent net profit will drop about 25 per cent.

Hartstone shares dive on second SE warning

■ Analysts angry at the second profits warning in ten weeks from Hartstone say the extent of the problems will not be known until results are published

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

HARTSTONE Group saw nearly two thirds of its stock market value wiped out after the leather goods and hosiery group shocked the City with its second profits warning within three months. Stephen Barker resigned as chairman and chief executive.

Hartstone shares, which touched a high of 277p last year, slumped to 31p at one stage, before recovering a little to close 57p lower at 34p on a heavy volume of 12 million shares.

In a statement issued through the Stock Exchange, the group gave a warning that its annual results will be "very significantly below current market expectations" and said it was in talks with its lenders after breaching banking covenants.

The company, based at Thame, Oxfordshire, said the profits slump would be substantially worse than envisaged when it first made an announcement on lower profits ten weeks ago.

City followers and investors were shocked by the latest profits warning. Many analysts were angered by an apparent indication from the company a few weeks before its close season that it was confident about market profits forecasts, ranging from £20 to £25 million, and a likely increase in the dividend.

Analysts had already lowered their profit forecasts from the £37 million level pencilled in before the first profit warning, blamed on the recession in France and Spain.

One analyst said: "It's very hard to know what has really happened. They were pretty confident with forecasts three weeks before the year end. The company has not exactly guided us up to now and it could be a real can of worms. We won't know the full extent of problems until the results are released."

As a result of broken banking covenants, believed to relate to interest cover, Hartstone cannot pay shareholders a final dividend and has defaulted on deferred payments to the vendors of its US handbag and shoes company. Immediate talks will be held with its lenders.

Hartstone is in talks with the vendors of the three companies it bought last year, Michael Stevens and Etienne Aigner of the US and Aznar International, the Spanish hosiery business, over a total payment due now to the businesses of £13.5 million.

The company now says pre-tax profits for the year to end-March will not be less than £9 million, after exceptional items of £12 million, understood to relate to cost-cutting in France and Spain. In the previous 12 months, the group made pre-tax profits of £22.1 million.

In March, Hartstone unveiled a restructuring programme involving the loss of 855 jobs, leaving about 2,700 employees. Mr Barker, a former chief executive of Albert Fisher and largely responsible for building up Hartstone via a string of acquisitions, has stepped down from his dual-role position but will stay as a director.

Shaun Dowling, a non-executive director and a former director of Guinness, has been appointed executive chairman. The group is looking for a new chief executive and a new finance director. It is understood David Gratton will be stepping down as finance director.

Hartstone's debts are estimated to total between £80 million and £110 million, with gearing possibly more than 100 per cent.

Mark Poleikis, an analyst at Smith New Court, said: "It's been an accumulation of events starting off with stock problems, worsened by European recession and finally exaggerated by restructuring costs."

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Happier days: Stephen Barker, who has resigned as chairman and chief executive of Hartstone Group

Bid whistle may yet be heard at Spurs

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

THE City's takeover referee is keeping a close eye on Tottenham Hotspur. The takeover panel is ready to blow the whistle if there is too much speculation that Robert Earl, the wealthy restaurateur, will bid for Alan Sugar's controlling 47.8 per cent stake.

However, the panel seems content to let play continue for now. Mr Earl has been reported as saying he wanted "in any way he could", to help Terry Venables, the sacked-but-reinstated Tottenham chief executive fighting a High Court action to try to keep his job.

The takeover panel declined to comment on whether Mr Earl's potential involvement made necessary a clarifying statement from the club to shareholders. A source close to the regulatory body said: "The panel is watching the situation closely and has been for a number of weeks. At present it does not feel there is any need to press any party for a special announcement, but that could change."

The strength and length of takeover speculation are likely to be crucial in determining whether the panel presses for an official Stock Exchange announcement. "The degree of this speculation will be important for the panel," the source said.

Meanwhile, investors are reluctant to take fresh positions amid the uncertainty: the shares ended the week 2p down at 99p.

While the City ponders possibilities, the legal match is due to resume at the High Court on Tuesday, June 8.

Taylor Woodrow sees reservations surge

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

HOUSING reservations have risen by 90 per cent in the current year over the same period last year, Colin Parsons, chairman of Taylor Woodrow, told shareholders at the annual meeting yesterday. He also said that the company had not yet seen any opportunity to increase house prices and that margins were likely to remain constrained for some time. The shares fell 2p to 103p.

About 400 houses had been reserved so far this year against sales of 650 for the whole of last year and Taylor Woodrow's usual rate of building, 1,000 a year. Mr Parsons said he believed half of the improvement came from an uplift in the market, the rest from a decision to concentrate on smaller sites. Shareholders were told that the company expected to generate cash and reduce debts this year.

Mr Parsons said that the environment for the property sector had improved but that it was too early to form a view on the likely value of the portfolio at the end of 1993. Neither was Taylor Woodrow optimistic on a £39 million commercial and residential development in Gibraltar, where the market was still severely depressed.

Problem contracts at John Wayne airport in California and at Euro Disney had reached agreement in principle for settlement within the terms of previous provisions.

The company had agreed in principle to develop a joint venture in Sydney with potential for 3,000 lots.

SIB seeks to stop salesman

BY SARA MCCONNELL

THE Securities and Investments Board (SIB) has served an injunction in the High Court to stop a general insurance salesman selling life assurance and pensions when he is not authorised to do so.

As a result, an estimated 200 of John Allen and Company's 5,000 clients are not covered by the industry's investors' compensation scheme, which pays out up to £48,000 if a company goes into default. The company has offices in Maidenhead, Aylesbury and Newquay.

SIB said it was not clear whether premiums for either life or general insurance policies had been passed on to the insurers because there are no client records. It is concerned that many people may believe they have valid motor insurance when, in reality, none of the premiums has been passed on and they are not covered.

But SIB does not regulate sales of general insurance, which includes motor and household insurance, and cannot take action. General insurance is not regulated.

SIB said: "There is no paperwork, client money has not been segregated and we don't know if the premiums have been handed to insurers. It is not clear whether the premiums or general insurance have been passed on." It added: "It is not clear whether there is misappropriation of funds."

Peter Glennie has been trading as John Allen and Company since 1989 when he bought a shell company from an authorised member of the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association. Mr Glennie told Fimbra he was not intending to do any investment business and did not need to be authorised.

However, he appears to have sold life and pensions policies for about ten life companies. SIB is to ask the Life Assurance And Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation, which regulates life offices' marketing, to investigate why these offices allowed Mr Glennie to write policies.

The entry for John Allen on the SIB central register recorded John Allen's membership as "surrendered" after the death of the original John Allen.

SIB says Mr Glennie's clients should contact their insurer to find out whether their premiums have been paid over and if they are covered.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Tesco's tills ring up 9% increase in sales

SIR Ian MacLaurin, chairman of Tesco, cheered shareholders at the company's annual meeting with news that sales so far this financial year are 9 per cent ahead of the same time last year. Sir Ian said that while prospects for the economy were improving, there would still be tough challenges. In April, the supermarkets group reported pre-tax profits 6.5 per cent ahead to £581 million in the year to the end of February.

The group opened 25 new stores that year, and Sir Ian said yesterday that development of stores in prime locations would continue. Also, Tesco expects to complete the acquisition of Catteau, which operates 92 stores in northern France, by the end of next month. Sir Ian said the group would continue to push for the deregulation of Sunday trading, or at least a clarification of the law. He believed that the group was on track for good performance and continued growth. It faced the future in good shape, in a strong financial position and with a strong customer base. The shares edged ahead 1½p to 222p.

Gresham reduces loss

GRESHAM House, the investment trust that specialises in venture capital and property investments, reported a reduced pre-tax loss of £3.47 million in the year to end-December, compared with a taxable deficit of £8.83 million in the previous year. Losses attributable to shareholders amounted to £3.45 million (£6.48 million loss). Alfred Stirling, chairman, said he was optimistic on the continuing refinancing negotiations. There is again no dividend.

QMH relisting delayed

SHARES in Queens Moat Houses, the debt-plagued hotel group, are unlikely to be relisted until the autumn, even if, as expected, the 60-plus creditor banks support a financial reconstruction and allow a further standstill on the group's debt repayments until October. The banks are considering a report on Queens Moat's financial position drawn up by Grant Thornton, the accountant. The company owes more than £1 billion.

US bars European bids

THE American government yesterday imposed regulations that exclude Britain and eight other European countries from bidding on $29 billion worth of federal contracts involving legal, telecommunications and other services. The move has been condemned by Sir Leon Brittan, the European Community's commissioner for external economic affairs, as unjustified, unwise and unnecessary, but he stopped short of promising retaliation.

Holmes profits escape

HOLMES Protection Group, the London-quoted American security company, saw pre-tax profits slump to $345,000 ($1.02 million) in the first three months of 1993 as turnover dropped to $13.7 million from $14.5 million. Earnings per share fell to 0.7 of a cent, compared with 1.4 cents in the period last year. The company said the results were affected by severance payments and capital expenditure. The shares fell 3p to 51p.

TR Property boost

NET assets at TR Property Investment recovered in the second half to March. Net asset value on March 31 was 28.78p (30.71p in March 1992 and 25.3p in September). Pre-tax revenue tripled to £3.9 million. A final dividend of 0.5p makes 0.9p (1.45p). Meanwhile, Scottish Investment Trust raised net assets from 217.3p to 240.7p in the six months to April. Pre-tax income was £7.8 million (£6.4 million) and the interim dividend 1.7p (1.6p).

Malaya plans takeover

MALAYA Group, the motor distribution group, announced its second takeover in three weeks. The group, based at Crawley, West Sussex, is planning to buy the Citroën dealership group Sands of Burnham, based near Slough, Berkshire, for £1.5 million in cash and the issue of 1.2 million shares. It is raising £9.6 million through a placing and open offer of new shares at 22p each. Existing shares were unchanged at 25p.

Wm Cook cuts payout

WILLIAM Cook, Europe's largest steel casting group, has halved its dividend to 5p for the year, with a reduced final payout of 3.5p (5p), after a 19 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £3.85 million in the year to March 27. The decline largely reflects losses of more than £1.5 million at Unitcast, the Sheffield group's former American operation. Andrew Cook, chairman, said he expected further recovery this year and added: "We are past the worst."

BRITISH FUNDS

OVERSEAS sellers combined with attempts by market-makers to tidy up some of their positions to leave government securities nursing sharp falls on the day.

On the futures market, the June series of the long gilt ended near its low of the day, £1 1/32 lower at £103 13/16 as 30,000 contracts were completed. Market-makers started the rot by trying to clear out some of their longer positions after finding themselves long of stock in the wake of Wednesday's auction.

Foreign investors also offered stock, unnerved by the Cabinet shuffle and the pound's continued weakness against the mark. The longer end of the cash market bore the brunt of losses, with Treasury 9 per cent 2012 falling 27 ticks to £103 9/16, while at the shorter end Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 eased nine ticks to £109¼.

1993 High	1993 Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103	100	Treas 12½% 1993	100	–	12.39	5.72
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.73
106	103	Treas 13¾% 1993	103 †	–	13.25	5.65
102	101	Treas 8½% 1994	101	–	8.35	5.76
109	106	Treas 14½% 1994	106	–	13.64	5.76
109	106	Exch 13½% 1994	106	–	12.65	5.78
105	104	Treas 10% 1994	104 †	–	9.60	5.79
110	107	Exch 12½% 1994	107	–	11.61	5.92
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	103	–	8.66	6.09
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	108	–	11.02	6.25
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95	...	3.14	5.50
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	–	9.53	6.42
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	113	–	11.19	6.50
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	–	11.94	6.77
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	–	12.53	6.90
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	116	–	11.36	6.91
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	109	–	9.15	6.93
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	119	–	11.11	7.15
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	110	–	9.46	7.11
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	105	–	8.26	7.12
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	127	–	11.72	7.43
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	109	–	8.92	7.34
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	–	7.23	7.14
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	–	6.86	7.13
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	133	–	11.59	7.64
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	118	–	10.11	7.72
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	108	–	8.75	7.59
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	120	–	10.18	7.81
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	113	–	9.27	7.66
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	112 †	–	9.11	7.74
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	106	–	8.44	7.69
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	125	–	10.33	8.13
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	111	–	9.01	8.05
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	125 †	–	11.18	7.77
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	–	8.86	8.18
103	97	Treas 8% 2003	99 †	–	8.06	8.10
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	111	–	8.96	8.29
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	117	–	9.76	8.32
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70	–	5.00	7.53
112	105	Conv 9½% 2004	107	–	8.91	8.41
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	107	–	8.81	8.44
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126	–	9.90	8.63
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	96	–	8.26	8.43
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	–	9.76	8.56
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	100	–	8.48	8.47
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133	–	10.10	8.64
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	104	–	8.64	8.57
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	95	–	8.38	8.54
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	103	–	8.69	8.61
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	103	–	8.69	8.61
76	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73	–	7.51	8.30
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	91	–	8.46	8.60
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	129 †	–	9.25	8.83
105	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	101	–	8.66	8.64
		UNDATED				
48	43	Consols 4%	46	...	8.64	...
42	38	War Ln 3½%	40	–	8.70	
63	60	Conv 3½%	61	...	5.68	...
31	28	Consols 2½%	30	–	8.33	
30	27	Treas 2½%	28	–	8.69	
		INDEX-LINKED				
137	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	133	+	...	1.42
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	196	+	2.05	2.65
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107	–	2.46	3.06
166	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	164	–	2.92	3.28
163	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161	–	3.02	3.32
111	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109	–	3.13	3.18
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	168	–	3.13	3.36
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152	–	3.30	3.50
159	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157	–	3.37	3.55
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129	–	3.19	3.58
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137	–	3.48	3.64
133	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132	–	3.53	3.61
111	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109	–	3.52	3.62
111	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110	–	3.55	3.60

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Unique lawsuit tops busy week for Britain's ace liquidator

Showman taking on the Bank of England

Christopher Morris, in charge of the BCCI salvage operation, is an insolvency expert with power to fascinate, says Jon Ashworth

Thursday's meeting of Bank of Credit and Commerce International creditors at Wembley marked a climax in the 25-year career of one of the insolvency profession's great showmen. Fifty-year-old Christopher Morris, of Touche Ross, has accepted that mantle with some reluctance. "He is not naturally a showman but has come to enjoy it," said a colleague. "He likes the mental challenge of public speaking."

Mr Morris first became a household name in the winter of 1982, when he took on the might of the world's airlines after the collapse of Laker Airways. In its day, his handling of the Laker case had as profound an impact as this week's decision to sue the Bank of England on behalf of BCCI creditors. He sued six big airlines for £1 billion, accusing them of pricing Laker out of the skies. His targets, including British Airways, Pan Am and Swissair, settled out of court for £80 million, enabling all Laker's 14,500 ticket-holders to be repaid in full. It was the most successful UK liquidation ever.

More than a decade later, as chairman of national corporate special services at Touche Ross, he sits in the inner sanctum of one of Britain's most exclusive clubs. A handful of names — Morris, Jordan, Hamilton and Haywood among them — triggers almost instant recognition. When a shipyard is buckling or a property giant collapses, they are the ones called in. By definition, Mr Morris and his colleagues are among the most hated professionals in Britain. In the morning, they may stand up at one end of a factory floor and tell thousands of workers they have lost their jobs. In the afternoon, they may tell dozens of investors they face financial ruin. By the time night falls, their firms will have made several thousand pounds in fees.

Mr Morris often shares the headlines with Brian Smouha, banking specialist at Touche Ross and lead liquidator of BCCI. The pair teamed up on the liquidation of Banco Ambrosiano in 1984 and draw on the same qualities. "Some people have the knack of being calm when all the others are losing their heads," said an associate. "They have this knack of managing to cope while telling thousands of people they're redundant. It takes guts to do that."

Mr Morris appears to thrive on his work. "He's never happier than when in the middle of a great corporate collapse and thinks there is something he can do to help. He gets the light of battle in his eyes. He is genuinely liked and popular within the firm and has a very quick manner — he can turn a phrase quickly, especially when facing photographers." The lifestyle can take its toll. Brian Smouha spent more time in the air in the six months after BCCI collapsed in July 1991 than British Airways would allow its pilots to fly, shuttling endlessly between Abu Dhabi, New York, London and Luxembourg. There are stories of receivers spending 20 hours a day at their desks and being told by irate wives to wear name-tags at home so their children know who they are.

Busy receivers are said to have been told by irate wives to wear name-tags so their children know who they are

Mr Morris likes his food and must be excellent company at dinner parties, when he can find time for such luxuries. After the failure of Sir Clive Sinclair's ambitious battery-powered car project, Mr Morris sold the vehicles off to a holiday camp. He even auctioned Sir Freddie Laker's bowler hat as part of his fund-raising efforts. The aircraft sick bags went too. As it happens, he does make time for dinner parties, preferring the traditional delights of oysters, smoked salmon and game to the more fleeting pleasures of nouvelle cuisine. Six feet tall and two stone overweight, he socialises with artists and musicians rather than financiers. Divorced, with two sons, he lives in Islington, north London, and admits to being a man's man. He is a member of the Turf Club.

Educated at Ampleforth College, the Roman Catholic boarding school, he did not attend university. Instead, he joined Bernard Phillips, the accountancy firm, and qualified as a chartered accountant in 1967. Touche Ross recruited him to start an insolvency department in 1971 and he was made a partner two years later. A long string of assignments includes British Island Airways, British Air Ferries, Rush & Tompkins, the first of the big property collapses, and London & County Securities.

Tracing $12 billion in missing BCCI funds is a sizable task, but the assignment forms just part of Mr Morris's hectic schedule. As joint administrator of Polly Peck International, it was his job to decide what charges should be brought against Asil Nadir and other PPI directors and third parties. One can only imagine the scene in Mr Morris's office when he learned that Mr Nadir had left Britain for Northern Cyprus. The mystique of the insolvency experts is a constant source of fascination. Charming yet tough, mildly eccentric, they seem to lead lives that revolve around international travel, luxury yachts and mansions, whirlwind meetings, millions of pounds in missing funds, long hours at their desks.

They have had guns pulled on them by enraged workers, received death threats, been likened to vultures and undertakers because of the level of their fees and had sacked men's wives break down in their offices and beg for their husbands' jobs back.

Weekends may find them shooting in Scotland, sailing in the Channel, or, like Mr Morris, enjoying a flutter at the races. His skill at second-guessing the bookmakers is legendary.

Although tough, Mr Morris is not insensitive. He once said: "I drive a Saab. I don't feel it's appropriate to turn up outside a factory that's just gone bust in a Rolls-Royce. It rubs salt in the wound." He will be ruthless nonetheless. On another occasion, he said: "I find it easier to move into a company and sack 1,200 people than to get rid of one member of staff in my own office. It is a purely clinical exercise done to try to save the company. If it is not done, it is possible everybody's job will be lost."

His peers include Michael Jordan, of Coopers & Lybrand, who led the team that stepped in after the Barlow Clowes gilts empire collapsed in 1988 and is joint administrator of Polly Peck. Another giant is Nigel Hamilton of Ernst & Young, whose credits include Barlow Clowes, Coloroll and Lowndes Queensway. Tim Haywood, of KPMG Peat Marwick, helped bail out Rolls-Royce in 1971 and has been heavily involved with the embattled property sector.

Whatever the company he is working on, Mr Morris admits to a love of the chase. "I'm more of an investigative accountant," he once said, "trying to find where the assets may have gone." Finding the missing BCCI millions may be the ultimate challenge. And even he may have met his match in Asil Nadir.

TONY WHITE

Company surgeon: Christopher Morris regards sacking hundreds to save a business as "a clinical exercise"

ICI rebels fail to prevent Zeneca

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

DISSIDENT ICI shareholders fought a bitter but fruitless battle to prevent the chemicals group from splitting off its Zeneca life sciences arm.

First official dealings in Zeneca shares, which have been traded on the grey market, will begin on Tuesday.

One unhappy shareholder said at an egm called to approve the merger that there had not been much of an opportunity to express a view. Another said: "It is a bit late in the day to ask shareholders to agree to demerger."

Complaints that the resolution should have required a 75 per cent vote in favour rather than a simple majority were brushed aside by Sir Denys Henderson, the chairman of ICI. Sir Denys said that the meeting was required by law and professional advice was that a simple majority was needed.

Although only 128 shareholders, plus about a dozen proxy holders, attended, they pressed their concerns that Zeneca could be taken over before it found its feet and that the fees paid to advisers on the demerger were too heavy.

The annual report disclosed £75 million of reorganisation costs and professional fees for "potential demerger".

Sir Denys said: "If you believe the right thing to do is to demerge, you are unscrambling 67 years of history. The work is huge. I am afraid there is a price to pay. I do not believe either myself or my colleagues are profligate."

The question of the Zeneca name was also raised. One shareholder would have preferred ICI Pharmaceuticals and ICI Industrial. Sir Denys conceded this matter had been looked at carefully, but that the Zeneca board preferred to have a separate identity.

The chorus of disapproval was silenced when Sir Denys revealed that of 236 million proxy votes cast by mainly large institutional shareholders, 235 million were in favour of demerger.

Zeneca shares traded at 632p, down 8p, on the official grey market. ICI, post-demerger, lost 6p to 608p.

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The high rollers in American business

Average top executive's pay soars to record $3.2 million

Warren Buffett, the man who heads Wall Street's highest priced company and owns a significant stake in Guinness, the drinks group, was paid the lowest of chief executives running America's top 200 firms last year.

As chairman and chief executive of Berkshire Hathaway, the Nebraska-based mini-conglomerate, Mr Buffett received $248,000 while the average top executive's compensation last year hit a record $3.2 million.

His pay trails the field because it contains no share options, which often boosts the total package of senior American management. Mr Buffett, 62, who helped to salvage Salomon Brothers, the investment bank, from its Treasury bond scandal almost two years ago, does not believe in them.

Even so, he is far from the breadline. The value of his 44 per cent in Berkshire, whose investment portfolio includes substantial stakes in Coca-Cola, Wells Fargo, USAir and General Dynamics, rose more than a third to $6 billion last year. Berkshire shares rose 68 per cent over that time and now change hands at $14,900 each.

Mr Buffett's abhorrence of share options is not shared by Roberto Goizueta, Coca-Cola's chief executive. He received last year's most valuable options award, worth $52 million. These are uncashed and not yet counted as part of his pay by *Fortune*, the financial magazine, which has compiled the latest pay league table.

At $6.7 million, the biggest single bonus went to Charles Lazarus, the boss of Toys 'R' Us, and the largest gain for cashing in share options was achieved by Thomas First, who heads Hospital Corporation of America, among the largest healthcare companies in the US.

But the highest roller in the list last year was Stephen Wynn, 51, head of Mirage Resorts, the gaming group that owns the Mirage and Golden Nugget casinos in Las Vegas. His total pay package was $34.2 million, enough to make his old friend Frank Sinatra a little envious. Ol' Blue Eyes took home only $9 million last year.

Roy Vagelos, chairman of Merck, took second place in the rankings, with $15.9 million and share options boosted John (Jack) Welch, of General Electric, into third place with $14.9 million.

The top 20 executives took home just over $200 million, but not one of them ranked among the top ten companies which gave the best five-year total returns to their shareholders. The man who came close was Michael Miles, chief executive of Philip Morris, which was ranked eleventh in the ladder for best performing companies for shareholders, returning 33.7 per cent. His pay was $11.4 million.

The boss who rewarded his shareholders the most, with a 117.1 per cent five year return, was ranked 191 in the pay list. Charles Mathewson, of International Game Technology, the Nevada entertainment concern, was paid $625,000. IBM was among those that rewarded shareholders the least, but pay last year for John Akers, the former chief executive, totalled $3.6 million.

The high level of executive pay last year is thought to have been influenced by two outside factors: President Clinton's higher personal tax proposals sent senior management cashing in a much higher proportion of share options; and the Securities and Exchange Commission changed its rules, forcing directors to disclose increased and simplified information about boardroom pay, making it much easier to calculate total compensation.

The SEC changes came after protests from leading institutional shareholders over the past five years that chief executives' pay had become excessive.

Annual pay figures look to have peaked in 1990 when Donald Pels, chief executive of LIN Broadcasting, jumped to $186 million as a result of a takeover by McCaw Cellular Communications.

In the same year, Steven Ross, who then headed Time Warner, took home $78 million. Both cheques were inflated by cashing in share options granted in the 1980s whose values had soared. Options boosted the pay of Tony O'Reilly, head of Heinz, the food concern, who topped the league with $75 million in 1991.

But the relative calm from shareholders was shattered yesterday when four bolders of the Citizens Utilities, the Connecticut-based telecommunications, water and gas group filed legal action against its directors.

They accuse them of wasting corporate assets by awarding Leonard Tow, the chief executive, $21.6 million last year and agreeing to give him an annual pension equal to two thirds of his final year's pay.

The shareholders want the court to force Mr Tow and other directors to return some of the money to the company and to void Mr Tow's pension plan.

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Name	Company	$m
Stephen Wynn	Mirage Resorts	34.1
Roy Vagelos	Merck	15.9
John Welch	General Electric	14.9
Eugene Grisanti	Int Flavors	11.5
Michael Miles	Philip Morris	11.4
Lee Iacocca	Chrysler	11.1
Nolan Archibald	Black & Decker	10.2
Peter Grace	W R Grace	9.3
William Anders	General Dynamics	7.9
Michael Eisner	Walt Disney	7.4
Daniel Tully	Merrill Lynch	7.4
Wayne Calloway	PepsiCo	7.4
Frank Cahouet	Mellon Bank	7.2
S.K. Johnston	Coca-Cola Ent	7.2
Dean Buntrock	Waste Management	7.1
Hugh McColl	NationsBank	7.1
Charles Lazarus	Toys 'R' Us	7
Charles Sanford	Bankers Trust	6.9
Vernon Loucks	Baxter Int	6.9
Melvin Goodes	Warner-Lambert	6.7

Source: Fortune

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STOCK MARKET

Zeneca sees off English China

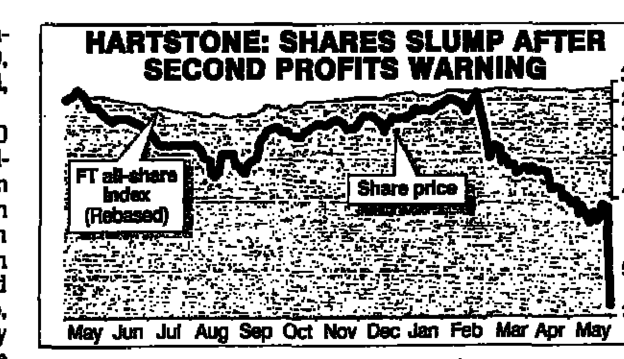
ENGLISH China Clays fell 8p to 414p as it was removed as a constituent of the FT-SE 100 index to make way for the newly demerged Zeneca when dealings start on Tuesday.

The news will no doubt have come as a blow to **English China Clays**, which is likely to lose some of the support afforded by the tracking funds specialising in FT-SE 100 index constituents.

The constituents decided on a straight swap between the companies and will wait until the end of June before making their regular quarterly adjustment. English China will now drop down to become a member of the FT-SE Mid 250, replacing **Owners Abroad**, unchanged at 98p.

Constituents of the top 100 companies are chosen according to size of turnover. English China had slipped to 113th place after yesterday's fall in the share price, enabling both **Fisons**, 2p easier at 163p, and **Lasmo**, unchanged at 153p, to avoid the chop. But they may not be so lucky when the actuaries next meet.

Meanwhile, **ICI** fell 11p to £12.44 after shareholders gave approval for the proposed demerger of **Zeneca**.



On the official grey market, Zeneca fell 8p to 632p, with the nil-paid 7p cheaper at 37p. The demerged ICI was trading 6p off at 608p. Investors elswhere were busily battening down the hatches before the holiday weekend. There was little rush to open fresh positions, with share prices drifting on lack of support.

The picture was further depressed by Wall Street, which came off the boil after its record-breaking run. The Dow Jones industrial average fell nearly 40 points in early trading. Turnover in London remained on the thin side, with fewer than 600 million shares traded.

One of the biggest falls on the day was seen at **Hartstone**, the hosiery and leather products group, down 57p at 34p, after another profits warning and an announcement that it was in emergency talks with its bankers after breaching its covenants. To add to the problems, Stephen Barker has resigned as chairman and chief executive. His role will be filled by Shaun Dowling.

The group said that because of exceptional items totalling £12 million, pre-tax profits for the current year would be not less than £9 million. There will be no final dividend. Brokers will be angry at being misled. In March, they cut their forecasts from £36 million to £24 million. Shares of **Mosiac Investments** fell sharply after returning from suspension to end the day 41p lower at 19p. Trading was suspended last September after a preference shareholder requested redemption of £3 million worth of stock. As a result, the group was forced to undergo a reconstruction. Three investors now control more than 50 per cent of the share capital.

First-time trading in **RPC Group**, the packaging concern, had an encouraging start. The shares started at 153p compared with the issue price of 125p and ended at 159p, a premium of 34p.

Trading in new shares of **Inveresk** is, also expected to achieve a hefty premium after the placing and intermediaries offer of 22.6 million shares at 150p were heavily oversubscribed. The intermediaries offer was 6.6 times oversubscribed. Applications for 2.5 million shares have been scaled down to 16 per cent of the total.

MMI was hurriedly suspended at 25p after it emerged that a Sunday newspaper planned to run details of a proposed acquisition expected next week. MMI is buying a privately owned film and video business making pre-tax profits of £1 million a year. The deal will also result in four large fund managers taking a stake in MMI.

Tesco firmed 1½p to 222p after its agm. But the group has lost some of its star rating among the food retailers. Ian MacLaurin, the chairman, told shareholders that sales growth was running at 9 per cent in the current year and that the group was continuing to mount attractive sales promotions. But brokers complain that Tesco's sales growth is modest compared with the likes of **Argyll**, up 7p at 343½p, and **William Morrison**, unchanged at 159p, which both made trading *statements this week.*

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Lifeboat Mark II

The crisis hit its peak in late 1991 when the Bank of England realised that if one particular institution were allowed to go there could be a banking run the next morning

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WALL STREET

Bond selling drives Dow lower

New York — A quick sell-off in bonds and program trading on the sell side pushed American blue chips down in early trading. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 39.86 points to 3,514.97 after hitting 3,510.27. Declining issues led advancing shares by more than two to one. US bonds also fell sharply, with *the long bond down* 26/32 to yield 7 per cent. Ron Doran, the head of institutional trading at CL King and Associates, said: "There's been an uptick in the rates and a lot of programs have been kicking in. With everything getting unwound, we're seeing a correction."

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended mixed in slow trading, as investors were sidelined over a nervous currency market, brokers said. The Nikkei average was down 8.94 points, or 0.04 per cent, to 20,843.69.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Share prices closed lower as confirmation of the reopening of talks over *the new airport and the likely* renewal of China's most-favoured nation status triggered profit-taking, brokers reported. *The Hang Seng index* ended down 49.33 points at 7,397.91 after registering an 80-point gain earlier.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index rallied past the psychologically important level of 1,900, closing at 1,905.34, a new high for the second successive day.

☐ **Sydney** — The all-ordinaries index closed up 11.3 points at 1,760.4.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index closed 2.62 points down at 1,631.85. *(Reuter)*

	May 28 midday	May 27 close
AMP Inc	61¼	61¼
AMR Corp	70¾	71¼
Abbott Labs	27	27¼
Aetna Life	53¾	54
Ahmanson (HF)	18¾	16¼
Air Prod & Chem	42¾	43¼
Albertson's	55¼	55¼
Alcan Alumnm	19¼	19¾
Alco Standard	49¾	48¼
Allied Signal	67¾	67
Alum Co of Am	68¾	69
Amax	22	22¼
Amerada Hess	54¼	54¾
Amer Brands	32¾	33
Amer Cyanamid	51¼	51¼
Amer El Power	34¾	34¼
Amer Express	28¾	29
Amer Genl Corp	31	31¼
Amer Home Pr	65¼	65¼
Amer Intl	128¾	130
Amer Stores	43¼	43¼
Amer T & T	61¼	61¼
Ameritech	72¾	72¾
Amoco	55¼	55¾
Anheuser-Busch	52¾	52¼
Apple Computer	56¾	57¼
Archer Daniels	23¾	23¼
Arkla	9¼	9¼
Armco	7¾	7¾
Armstrng Wrld	29¾	29¾
Asarco	20	20¼
Ashland Oil	28¾	28¼
Atl Richfield	124¼	125¾
Auto Data Pro	48¾	49¾
Avery Dennison	30¾	30¾
Avon Products	55¾	56¾
Baker Hughes	28¼	28¾
Baltim Gas & El	25¼	25¾
Banc One	53¾	54
BankAmerica	44¾	44¼
Bank of NY	55¾	55¾
Bankers Tr NY	71¾	72¾
Barnett Banks	46¾	45¾
Bausch & Lomb	52	52¾
Baxter Intl	29¾	29¾
Bectn Dicknsn	38¾	38¾
Bell Atlantic	54¾	54¾
BellSouth	52	52¾
Black & Decker	19¾	19¾
Block (H&R)	35	35¾
Boeing	39¾	39¾
Boise Cascade	26¾	26¾
Borden Inc	20¾	20¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	59¾	59¾
Browning Ferris	26¾	27¾
Burlington Nthn	53¾	54¾
CBS	239¾	239¾
CNA Financial	92¾	92
CPC Intl	43	43¾
CSX	71¾	71¾
Campbell Soup	40¾	40¾
Can Pacific	16¾	16¾
Cptl Cities ABC	526	524¾
Cptl Holdings	37¾	37¾
Carolina Pwr	31¾	31¾
Caterpillar	72	72¾
Central & SW	31¾	31¾
Champion Intl	33¾	33¾
Chase Manhat	30¾	30¾
Chemical Bk	38¾	38¾
Chevron Corp	87¾	88¾
Chrysler	43¾	44¾
Chubb Corp	87¾	86¾
Cigna Corp	59¾	59¾
Citicorp	28¾	28¾
Clorox	49¾	50
Coastal Corp	26¾	27¾
Coca Cola	41	41¾
Colgate-Palmolive	58¾	59¾
Columbia Gas	23¾	23¾
Commonw Ed	26¾	27
Compaq Comp	57¾	59
Comp Ass Intl	28¾	27¾
Conagra	25¾	25¾
Cons Edison	33¾	33¾
Cons Nat Gas	51¾	51¾
Cons Rail	53¾	53¾
Cooper Inds	50	50¾
Corning Inc	33¾	33¾
Crown Cork	37¾	38¾
Dana Corp	51¾	51¾
Dayton Hudson	71¾	72
Deere	65¾	65¾
Delta Air Lines	57¾	58¾
Deluxe Corp	46¾	46¾
Detroit Edison	34¾	34¾
Digital Equip	44	44¾
Dillard Dept St	40¾	40¾
Disney (Walt)	44	44¾
Dominion Res	42¾	42¾
Donelley (RR)	30¾	30¾
Dover Corp	47¾	47¾
Dow Chemicals	57¾	57
Dow Jones	30¾	30¾
Dresser	22¾	22¾
Duke Power	38¾	38¾
Dun & Brdstreet	59¾	59¾
Du Pont	53	53¾
Eastman Kodak	52¾	52¾
Eaton Corp	88¾	89
Emerson Elec	60¾	60¾
Engelhard Corp	35¾	36¼
Enron Corp	57	57
Entergy Corp	34¾	34¾
Ethyl Corp	30¾	29¾
Exxon	64¾	64¾
FMC Corp	45¾	45¾
FPL Group	37¾	37¾
Federal Express	49¾	48¾
Fed Nat Mrtge	76¾	77
First Chicago	39	39¾
First Interstate	58	58¾
First Union Rlty	10¾	10¾
Fleet Finl Grp	31	31¾
Fluor Corp	39¾	39¾
Ford Motor	52¾	52¾
GTE Corp	35¾	35¾
Gannett	52¾	52¾
Gap Inc Del	34¾	35¾
Gen Cinema	35¾	35¾
Gen Dynamics	95¾	95¾
Gen Electric	93¾	93¾
Gen Mills	65¾	65¾
Gen Motors	39¾	39¾
Gen Reinsurance	113¾	114¾
Gen Signal	63¾	64¾
Genuine Parts	36¾	36¾
Georgia Pac	65¾	65¾
Gillette	52¾	52¾
Glaxo ADR	18¾	19
Goodrich (BF)	45¾	45¾
Goodyear Tire	39¾	40¾
Grace (W&R)	39¾	39¾
Grt All Pac Tea	31¾	32
Great Wstn Fin	16¾	16¾
Halliburton	40¾	40¾
Heinz (HJ)	36¾	37¾
Hercules	73¾	73¾
Hershey Foods	53¾	53¾
Hewlett Packard	83¾	84¾
Hilton Hotels	49¾	50¾
Home Depot	46¾	46¾
Homestake Mng	19¾	19¾
Honeywell	37¾	37¾
Household Intl	69¾	70¾
Houston Inds	44¾	44¾
Humana	11¾	11¾
ITT Corp	83¾	84¾
Illinois Tool	73	73¾
INCO	22¾	22¾
Ingersoll Rand	34¾	34¾
Inland Steel	25¾	26¾
Intel Corp	110	112¾
IBM	52¾	53¾
Intl Flav & Fr	117	117¾
Intl Paper	66¾	68
James River Va	22¾	22¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44	44¾
K Mart	22¾	22¾
Kellogg	53¾	53¾
Kerr-McGee	51¾	52¾
Kimberly-Clark	46¾	47¾
Knight-Ridder	56¾	56¾
Lilly (Eli)	49¾	50
Limited Inc	23¾	24
Lin Brdcstng	95¾	96¾
Lincoln Nat	78¾	79
Litton	57¾	57¾
Liz Claiborne	34¾	34¾
Lockheed Corp	61	60
Louisiana Pac	69¾	69¾
MCI Commun	52¾	52¾
Marriott	25¾	25¾
Marsh & McLnn	90¾	90¾
Masco Corp	31¾	31¾
May Dept St	73¾	74¾
Maytag Corp	15¾	15¾
McCaw Cellular	42¾	43
McDonalds	49¾	49¾
McDonnell D	65¾	65¾
McGraw Hill	58	58¾
Mead Corp	46¾	46¾
Medtronic	68¾	67¾
Mellon Bk	55¾	55¾
Melville Corp	46¾	46¾
Merck Inc	37¾	37¾
Merrill Lynch	75	76¾
Minnesota Mine	113¾	114¾
Mobil Corp	69¾	69¾
Monsanto	58¾	58¾
Morgan (JP)	67¾	67¾
Motorola Inc	80¾	82¾
Natl Medical	9¾	9¾
Natl Semi	14¾	14¾
Natl Service Ind	26¾	26¾
Navistar Int	2¾	2¾
NBD Bancorp	30¾	30¾
NY Times A	29	29
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Nordstrom	30	30¾
Norfolk Sthrn	62¾	62¾
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Norwest Corp	49¾	50¾
Nynex Corp	83	82¾
Occidental Pet	22	22¾
Ohio Edison	24¾	24¾
Oracle Systems	42¾	43¾
Oryx Energy Co	21¾	22
Owens Corning	41¾	42¾
PNC Financial	31¾	31¾
PPG Industries	72¾	72¾
Paccar Inc	56¾	56¾
Pacificorp	17¾	18
Pac Enterprises	23¾	23¾
Pac Gas & Elect	34¾	34¾
Pac Telesis	47¾	47¾
Pall Corp	19	19¾
Panhandle East	21¾	21¾
Paramnt Comm	53¾	53¾
Parker Hannifin	32¾	32¾
Penney (JC)	47¾	48¾
Pennzoil	64¾	64¾
Pepsico	36¾	36¾
Pfizer	71¾	72¾
Phelps Dodge	45¾	46¾
Philadel Elec	29¾	29¾
Philip Morris	50¾	50¾
Phillips Pet	30¾	31
Pitney Bowes	42¾	42¾
Polaroid	36	35¾
Price Co	28¾	29¾
Primerica	46¾	47¾
Procter & Gmbl	49¾	49
Pub Serv E & G	33¾	33¾
Quaker Oats	74	73¾
Ralston Purina	45	45¾
Raychem Corp	45¾	45¾
Raytheon	55	55¾
Reebok Intl	36¾	36¾
Reynolds Metals	46¾	47¾
Roadway Srvcs	54¾	55¾
Rockwell Intl	31¾	31¾
Rohm & Haas	57¾	57¾
Royal Dutch	93¾	93¾
Rubbermaid	32¾	32
Safeco Corp	56¾	56¾
St Paul's Cos	80¾	80¾
Salomon Inc	36¾	37
Santa Fe S Pac	16¾	17
Sara Lee Corp	26¾	26¾
Scecorp	48¾	48¾
Schering Plough	65¾	65¾
Schlumberger	65¾	66¾
Scott Paper	36¾	36¾
Seagram	29¾	29¾
Sears Roebuck	55	54¾
Shell Trans	56¾	58
Sherwin Wllms	30¾	31¾
Skyline Corp	17¾	17¾
Snap-On-Tools	37¾	37¾
Southern Co	40¾	40¾
Sthwestern Bell	38¾	38
Sprint Corp	32¾	32¾
Stanley Works	45¾	45¾
Sun Company	25	25¾
Suntrust	43¾	44¾
Supervalu	33¾	34¾
Syntex Corp	20¾	20¾
Sysco Corp	26¾	26¾
TRW Inc	68¾	68¾
Tandem Comp	12¾	13¾
Tandy Corp	31¾	31¾
Telecom Corp	2¾	2¾
Teledyne	19¾	19¾
Temple Inland	45	45¾
Tenneco	48¾	48¾
Texaco	63¾	64¾
Texas Inst	65	66¾
Texas Utilities	47	46¾
Textron	51¾	51¾
Time Warner	36¾	37¾
Times-Mirror	31	31¾
Timken	31¾	32¾
Torchmark	52¾	52¾
Toys R Us	39¾	39¾
Transamerica	49¾	49¾
Travelers Corp	28¾	28¾
Tribune	53¾	53¾
Tyco Labs	41¾	41¾
UAL Corp	133¾	136¾
UST Inc	29¾	30¾
USX Marathon	18¾	19¾
Unilever NV	107¾	108¾
Union Camp	44¾	45
Union Carbide	19	19¾
Union Pacific	62¾	62¾
Unisys Corp	11¾	11¾
USAIR Group	21	21¾
USF&G Corp	16¾	16¾
US Life	39¾	39¾
US West	42¾	42¾
United Tech	53¾	53¾
Unocal Corp	30¾	31¾
Upjohn	29¾	29¾
VF Corp	50	50
WMX Tech	34¾	34¾
Wal-Mart Stores	27¾	27¾
Warner-Lambert	73¾	73¾
Wells Fargo	105¾	107¾
Westinghouse El	15¾	15¾
Weyerhaeuser	45¾	45¾
Whirlpool	54¾	55
Whitman	14	14
Winn Dixie	58¾	58¾
Woolworth	29¾	29¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	35¾	36
Xerox	75¾	76¾

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	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Series Mngd Fd	387.40	410.00	+3.00	...
Series Equity	485.20	513.50	+3.60	...
Series Prop Fd	390.70	413.50	+0.30	...
Series Fixed Int	306.50	324.40	+1.10	...
Series Money Fd	239.20	253.20	+0.20	...
Series Oseas Fd	298.50	315.90	+4.70	...

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD 0800 010575

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.14	18.05	+0.01	...
Bear	17.94	18.78	+0.15	...
Owl	17.67	18.60	+0.22	...
Bull	15.98	16.83	+0.24	...
Stag	16.72	17.60	+0.14	...
Gilt Edged	17.53	17.53	+0.08	...
Deposit	15.13	15.13	+0.02	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	22.76	23.96	+0.02	...
Bear	23.64	24.89	+0.25	...
Owl	23.29	24.52	+0.35	...
Bull	19.95	21.01	+0.34	...
Stag	20.24	21.31	+0.22	...
Gilt Edged	21.42	21.42	+0.10	...
Deposit	19.11	19.11	+0.02	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	514.82	514.83	+4.46	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	308.05	324.27	+2.43	...
N Amer Equity	273.11	287.49	+3.52	...
Far East Equity	365.74	384.99	+7.83	...
Fixed	274.12	288.55	+1.33	...
Cash Deposit	194.47	204.71	+0.17	...
Property	112.78	119.72	+2.31	...
Special Opp	329.81	347.17	+2.92	...
Managed	270.31	284.54	+3.00	...
Index-Linked Fd	184.54	194.26	+1.19	...

ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Property Fd Inc	249.80	263.00	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	439.50	462.70	-1.30	...
Equity Fd Inc	155.50	163.70	-1.00	...
-do- Acc	196.50	206.90	-1.30	...
Selective Fd	436.60	459.60	-2.30	...
Money Fd	356.40	375.20	+0.50	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	343.10	361.20	-1.10	...
Equity Ser 4	192.90	203.00	-1.00	...
Man Ser 4	592.80	624.00	-7.30	...
Conv Ser 4	312.50	329.00	+0.40	...
Money Ser 4	312.20	328.70	-0.40	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	321.10	338.00	-1.30	...
American Ser 4	465.80	490.40	-0.50	...
High Inc Ser 4	586.10	617.00	-2.00	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	197.80	208.30	-1.00	...
Japan Ser 4	356.60	375.40	+12.70	...

ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Fd Acc	1392.9	1466.1	+17.90	...
European Fd Acc	301.00	316.80	-5.20	...
Fixed Int Acc	482.50	507.90	...	...
Gtd Money Acc	318.10	334.70	-0.20	...
Intl Managed Acc	520.20	547.50	-6.50	...
Inv Fxd Int Acc	309.90	326.20	-0.30	...
Japan Fund	290.30	305.60	+12.70	...
N American Acc	296.10	311.60	+2.40	...
Prop Fd Acc	365.40	384.60	-0.40	...
Multiple Inv Acc	927.40	976.20	-10.10	...

ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Fxd Int Dep Acc	354.00	372.70	...	...
Equity Acc	1226.1	1290.7	+16.00	...
Property Acc	469.20	493.90	+0.30	...
Far East Acc	262.40	276.30	+7.90	...
Managed Capital	478.60	503.80	+6.10	...
-do- Acc	944.90	994.70	+10.20	...
Overseas Acc	820.60	864.00	+3.70	...
Gilt Edged Acc	432.90	455.70	+2.00	...
Amer Equity Acc	693.10	729.60	+0.40	...
Amer Man Acc	298.90	314.60	+1.20	...
Amer Prop Acc	111.60	117.50	-1.00	...

AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Reserve Ser 5	134.60	141.60	-0.70	...
Balncd Ser 5	619.20	651.70	+4.30	...
Opportunity Ser 5	136.10	143.30	+2.60	...
UK Equities Ser 5	845.80	890.30	+7.40	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	887.20	933.80	+3.40	...
North Amer Ser 5	420.90	443.00	+3.10	...
Far East Ser 5	493.70	519.60	+14.90	...
Europe Ser 5	301.60	317.40	+6.80	...
Intnl Ser 5	499.40	525.70	+8.90	...
Property Ser 5	455.40	479.30	-10.10	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	384.70	404.90	-0.20	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	172.40	181.40	+0.40	...
Gteed Dep Ser 5	281.70	296.50	+0.10	...

BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	736.00	774.90	+3.40	...
-do- Initial	512.50	539.50	+0.90	...
Gilt Edged Acc	359.10	378.00	+1.10	...
-do- Initial	252.20	265.50	-0.10	...
International Acc	353.40	372.10	+5.70	...
-do- Initial	246.70	259.70	+3.20	...
Managed Acc	461.90	486.20	+3.30	...
-do- Initial	323.00	340.00	+1.30	...
Money Acc	277.30	291.90	...	...
Property Acc	252.90	266.30	+0.10	...
-do- Initial	175.90	185.10	...	...
America Acc	267.90	281.90	+2.30	...
Australia Acc	175.60	184.90	+5.70	...
Financial Acc	271.40	285.70	-0.80	...
500 Accum	397.20	418.20	+2.30	...
Japan Genl Acc	358.80	377.70	+13.80	...
Income Acc	459.40	483.60	+2.00	...
Leisure Acc	191.60	201.70	+1.60	...
Special Sits Acc	200.30	210.90	+1.40	...
Univ Tech Acc	130.60	137.50	+1.70	...

BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
The Managed Fd	709.38	709.38	+8.72	...
Income Fund	675.54	711.10	+7.82	...
Extra Income	616.99	649.47	+6.57	...
Worldwide Gth	437.80	460.85	+8.34	...
Balanced Fund	585.67	616.50	+9.47	...
Smllr Cos Recov	608.75	640.79	+3.17	...
N Amer & Genrl	349.55	367.95	+2.83	...
Pacific Basin	354.55	373.22	+11.14	...
German Growth	187.68	197.56	-0.20	...
Japan Growth	169.94	178.89	+8.75	...
The UK Gth Fd	187.00	196.85	+2.57	...
Contl Euro Gth	102.64	108.05	+1.26	...
Property Fund	340.04	357.94	+0.50	...
Fixed Interest	286.20	301.27	+1.96	...
Cash Fund	269.99	284.20	+0.21	...
Managed Inv	433.75	456.58	+5.52	...
Nth Amer Recov	235.57	247.97	+3.22	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	395.62	416.45	+5.22	...

BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 868000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Measured Perf	139.70	147.80	+1.00	...
Performance Plus	136.10	144.00	+0.80	...
With Profit Perf	160.70	170.00	+0.30	...
UK Opportunity	157.80	167.00	+1.20	...
Euro Opportunity	173.70	183.80	+0.90	...
North Amer Opp	132.10	139.80	+0.40	...
Far East Opp	159.00	168.30	+3.50	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	152.00	160.00	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	148.60	157.30	+0.30	...
Fixed Int	165.10	174.70	+0.20	...
Cash	148.70	157.40	+0.10	...
Overseas	152.70	161.60	...	...

CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Growth	£238.60	...	...	...
Managed	292.30	307.70	+3.70	...
Property	195.10	205.40	+0.40	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	218.00	229.50	+0.80	...
Index-Linked	179.10	188.50	+2.00	...
Equity	322.60	339.60	+3.60	...
Cash	207.90	218.90	+0.20	...
CLife Euro Mgd	310.40	326.80	+7.00	...
CLife Intl Fd	333.50	351.10	+7.40	...

CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Units	£111.50	...	+1.50	...
Property Units	£25.12	...	...	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£58.27	£61.66	+0.27	...
2nd Equity Acc	559.40	592.00	+1.50	...
2nd High Inc Ac	534.60	565.70	-0.60	...
2nd Property Acc	230.50	243.90	...	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	166.30	176.00	+0.60	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	415.00	439.20	+2.50	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	202.20	214.00	+2.00	...
2nd Deposit Acc	268.30	283.90	+0.30	...
2nd Gilt Acc	271.30	287.10	+0.60	...
2nd Amer Acc	596.70	631.40	-3.30	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	247.70	262.10	-1.60	...
2nd Index Acc	184.10	194.80	+1.70	...
2nd Far East Acc	393.90	416.80	+7.40	...
2nd Global Acc	156.70	165.80	...	...
2nd Euro Acc	135.80	143.70	+4.80	...
2nd Japan Acc	212.40	224.80	-6.80	...
2nd Heritage Acc	68.10	72.10	...	...
2nd Intr Ctt Bd Acc	149.90	158.60	+1.10	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	112.00	118.50	-0.40	...

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Property Fund	177.50	186.90	...	...
Managed Fund	533.90	562.00	+5.60	...
Equity Fund	303.30	319.30	+4.40	...

CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	252.70	266.10	+3.40	...
Ruby	145.50	153.20	+3.40	...
Emerald	133.00	140.00	+0.20	...
Equity	287.10	302.20	+2.90	...
Property	174.50	183.70	...	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	189.20	199.20	...	...
Indexed Secs	157.10	165.40	+0.60	...
Cash	178.00	187.40	+0.20	...
Nth American	194.70	205.00	+0.60	...
Far East	258.90	272.60	+3.20	...
International	206.60	217.50	+5.80	...
Special Sits	273.60	288.00	-0.10	...
Intl Income	252.90	266.30	+1.30	...
American Inc	169.40	178.40	+1.10	...
European	248.70	261.80	+6.50	...
Japanese	154.10	162.20	+7.70	...
SE Asia	278.10	292.80	+2.80	...
With Profits Reg	147.20	155.00	+0.30	...
-do- Spec	147.20	155.00	+0.30	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	276.20	290.80	+4.30	...
Equity	325.60	342.80	+5.70	...
Property	167.50	173.50	+0.30	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	226.80	238.80	+0.10	...
Index Linked	165.10	173.80	+0.40	...
Cash	232.50	244.80	+0.20	...
Nth American	239.80	252.50	+1.00	...
Far East Acc	311.60	328.10	-13.20	...
International Acc	254.20	267.60	+6.00	...
Special Sits	405.20	426.60	+2.30	...
European Flex	330.30	347.70	+6.30	...

COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
(Units)Key	£203.00	...	...	...
-do- Facemaker	£281.12	...	...	...
-do- Cash	195.36	205.64	+0.12	...
-do- Equity	469.83	494.56	-1.15	...
-do- Fxd Int	335.55	353.21	+0.10	...
-do- Managed	340.55	358.79	-0.06	...
-do- Property	271.10	285.37	-20.63	...
(Pens) Cash Cap	205.27	216.09	+0.07	...
-do- Cash Inv	284.83	299.86	+0.29	...
-do- Equity Cap	1265.8	1332.4	+9.24	...
-do- Equity Inv	1756.7	1849.2	-11.06	...
-do- Fixed Cap	365.71	384.97	-0.02	...
-do- Fixed Inv	507.54	534.26	+0.33	...
-do- Index Cap	200.49	211.05	+1.94	...
-do- Index Inv	278.24	292.89	+2.88	...
Mngd Cap	513.36	540.39	+3.71	...
Mngd Inv	712.45	749.95	+5.66	...

COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Var Ann Acc (5)	£599.88	...	+5.13	...
Var Ann (5)	£82.48	...	+0.40	...
Prime: Managed	351.70	370.30	+4.00	...
Prime: UK Equity	419.90	442.00	+4.70	...
Prime: Int Equity	265.30	279.30	+5.00	...
Prime: Property	195.00	205.30	+0.10	...
Prime Fxd Int	223.30	235.10	+0.20	...
Prime Index-Lnk	161.60	170.20	+0.50	...
Prime: Cash	195.50	205.80	+0.10	...

CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744848

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Fund	1008.6	1061.6	+5.90	...
Equity Fund	1440.6	1516.4	+7.60	...

CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Life Mangd Acc	526.30	553.90	+3.40	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	338.30	356.10	-0.50	...
Life Equity Acc	717.40	755.10	+3.30	...
Life Money Acc	288.40	303.50	-0.20	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	659.20	693.80	+5.00	...
Life Intl Acc	465.40	489.80	+7.70	...
Life High Inc Acc	682.50	718.40	-0.40	...
Life Property Acc	205.20	216.00	-0.10	...
Crown Brit Inv A	1124.8	1124.8	...	...
Brewin Equity	619.10	651.60	+1.90	...
Life Equity Acc	234.00	246.30	...	...

EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Secure Fund	166.80	175.60	+0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	219.80	231.40	+2.00	...
-do- Series 2	140.90	148.40	+1.30	...
Adventurous Fd	185.50	195.30	+3.90	...
-do- Series 2	139.10	146.50	+2.90	...
Performance Fd	225.30	237.20	+3.40	...
-do- Series 2	145.60	153.30	+2.30	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	136.80	144.00	+0.20	...
UK Equity Fund	139.70	147.10	+0.50	...
Property Fund	102.30	107.70	...	...
Envmnntl Opps	139.00	146.40	+1.30	...
Euro Fund	141.90	149.40	+2.80	...
North Amer Fd	174.80	184.10	+1.20	...
Oriental Ops	157.80	166.20	+2.80	...
Japanese Fund	125.30	131.90	+5.00	...
Bd & West Life	113.30	119.30	-0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	125.40	132.00	+0.30	...

EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Eagle/Mid Uts	245.20	254.10	+1.60	3.60

FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed (Mixed)	268.30	282.50	+2.20	...
UK Equity	357.60	376.50	+3.00	...
Stewardship	312.90	329.40	+3.50	...
Overseas Equity	241.90	254.70	+3.20	...
North American	130.90	137.80	+1.10	...
Pacific Basin	135.40	142.60	+3.00	...
European	167.20	176.00	+3.20	...
Property	186.60	196.50	-0.50	...
Fixed Interest	206.30	217.20	-0.20	...
Index Linked	155.40	163.60	+1.10	...
Cash	190.00	200.10	+0.20	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
GT Plan Far East	305.00	321.10	+6.10	...
GT Plan Wwide	427.00	449.50	+8.90	...

GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628952

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed	181.80	191.20	+2.10	...
Unitised Profit	121.50	127.80	+0.20	...
UK Equity	244.90	257.70	+3.60	...
Fixed Int	176.50	185.70	-1.40	...
Index-Linked	155.50	163.60	+0.40	...
Cash Deposit	166.80	175.40	+0.10	...
Property	162.10	170.50	...	...
International	160.90	169.30	+1.50	...
American	144.20	151.70	+0.80	...
Japan	248.20	261.20	+11.00	...
Japan Smllr Cos	254.60	267.90	+18.20	...
European	154.40	162.40	-3.00	...
Pacific Fund	214.80	226.00	+0.90	...
Conv Life	129.10	135.80	-0.50	...

GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Portfolio Acc	638.80	638.80	+5.80	...
-do- Inv A	638.70	672.50	+6.10	...
UK Equity	364.70	384.00	-2.30	...
Gilt Plus	194.30	204.60	+0.30	...
Managed	278.80	293.50	+2.70	...
Inter Man	252.00	265.40	+3.00	...

GRESHAM UNIT 2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Bond	645.00	679.70	+7.70	...
Money Fund	301.70	317.60	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	557.30	587.30	+3.80	...
Fixed Interest	261.40	275.40	+0.70	...
Property Fund	333.70	351.60	...	...
Gresham Pramlington				
American & Gnrl	471.80	497.20	-10.00	...
Income	650.50	685.50	+0.50	...
International Gth	541.80	570.90	+14.40	...
Capital Fund	565.50	595.90	+3.90	...
Recovery Fund	553.20	582.90	+9.70	...
Japan & General	274.10	288.80	-13.50	...

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange, London EC3. 071 283 7101

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Ass Prop Bds	642.90	669.70	+1.70	...
Managed Initial	409.60	431.10	+4.30	...
-do- Acc	564.40	594.10	+6.30	...
Equity Initial	598.50	630.00	+6.10	...
-do- Acc	824.70	868.10	+8.70	...
Fixed Int Initial	403.80	425.00	-2.90	...
-do- Acc	556.40	585.60	-4.20	...
Intl Initial	409.10	430.60	-5.00	...
-do- Acc	563.80	593.40	-7.20	...
Nth Amer Initial	166.90	175.70	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	209.30	220.30	-0.80	...
Pacific Initial	222.00	233.70	+4.30	...
-do- Acc	275.80	290.30	+5.50	...
Property Initial	149.90	157.80	...	...
-do- Acc	206.60	217.50	+0.40	...
Index-Lnkd Inid	154.10	162.20	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	193.20	203.40	+1.10	...
Deposit Initial	193.10	203.30	...	...
-do- Acc	266.10	280.10	+0.10	...
Euro Initial	81.80	86.10	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	94.80	99.80	+1.10	...

HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed	144.90	152.50	+1.20	...
-do- Pens	171.80	180.80	+1.90	...
UK Equity	143.50	151.00	+1.00	...
-do- Pens	157.70	165.90	+1.40	...
International	129.30	136.10	+1.50	...
-do- Pens	139.60	146.90	+1.90	...
Deposit	133.80	140.80	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	155.50	163.60	+0.10	...

HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Equity Fd	343.70	365.70	+3.20	...
North America	315.10	335.30	+2.20	...
Far East Fund	530.90	564.80	+20.10	...
Global Managed	410.00	436.20	+5.20	...
Deposit Fund	218.50	230.00	+0.20	...
Prime Residential	127.70	131.30	...	...
European Fund	215.60	229.40	+3.00	...
Fixed Interest	66.80	71.10	+0.80	...

HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Security Fund	452.90	479.30	+4.30	...
British Fund	460.40	487.20	+9.40	...
International	456.80	483.40	+7.00	...
Dollar Fund	332.80	352.20	+1.40	...
Capital Fund	413.60	437.70	+5.40	...
Income Fund	618.80	654.90	+8.20	...
Property Series A	382.10	404.40	+0.30	...
Property Units	619.00	650.00	-0.70	...
Financial Fund	477.90	505.80	+1.40	...
Managed Ser A	482.40	510.50	+5.30	...
-do- C	275.80	292.00	...	...
Managed Units	861.50	906.90	+9.50	...
High Yield Fund	578.80	612.50	+4.60	...
Money Series A	274.10	290.10	+0.20	...
Money Units	361.10	380.20	+0.40	...
Equity Fund	546.00	577.80	+7.70	...
Fixed Interest	341.50	361.40	-2.60	...
Indexed Secs	171.70	181.70	-0.50	...
European Fund	623.60	659.90	+17.60	...
Natural Res	253.70	268.50	+3.90	...
Far East Fund	560.80	593.50	+16.00	...
Smaller Cos	422.80	447.50	+7.90	...
Special Sits	399.60	422.90	+3.80	...
Man Currency	250.50	265.10	-0.10	...
Japanese Tech	257.80	272.90	+11.80	...
US Smaller Cos	199.60	211.30	+2.30	...

IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 48151

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Global Managed	486.60	512.30	+5.60	...
Global Property	253.20	266.50	...	...
Global Fixed Int	467.60	492.20	+2.10	...
Global Equity	516.60	543.80	+5.70	...
Global Cash	203.00	213.70	+0.10	...

LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Gtd Mgd	446.00	469.50	+1.20	...
Property	411.10	432.70	-0.10	...
Managed	373.30	393.00	+4.20	...
American	367.80	387.20	-1.10	...
UK Equity Fd	403.10	424.30	+3.80	...
Japan	211.60	222.70	+9.10	...
Index-Lkd	176.90	186.20	+1.30	...
High Yield	744.10	783.30	+1.80	...
Growth Cap	402.50	423.70	+1.20	...
Money	384.00	404.20	-1.00	...
International	349.90	368.30	-6.80	...
Henderson Active	195.90	206.20	+3.70	...
Perpetual Active	284.20	299.20	+2.70	...
Growth Cap	402.50	423.70	-1.20	...
-do- Acc	579.60	610.10	-6.10	...

LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
B Soc Lnkd Init	134.90	142.10	...	...
-do- Acc	177.40	186.80	-0.20	...
Bdt Opps Int	126.80	133.50	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	150.10	158.00	+1.10	...
Cash Initial	166.90	175.70	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	274.00	288.50	+0.30	...
Equity Initial	587.40	619.40	+5.80	...
-do- Acc	964.10	1014.9	+9.80	...
Fixed Initial	336.90	354.70	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	552.90	582.00	+1.50	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	131.90	138.90	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	184.80	194.60	+1.40	...
Intl Initial	313.80	330.40	+5.50	...
-do- Acc	507.10	533.80	+8.70	...
Managed Initial	433.80	456.70	+4.70	...
-do- Acc	712.10	749.60	+7.80	...
Property Initial	187.60	197.50	+2.10	...
-do- Acc	307.90	324.20	+3.50	...

LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Fund	317.50	334.30	+2.90	...
UK Equity	526.80	554.60	+3.60	...
Property	274.70	289.20	...	...
Money Market	240.80	253.50	+0.10	...
Fixed Interest	291.00	306.40	+0.10	...
Japan	395.50	416.40	+13.70	...
North America	148.80	156.70	-0.40	...
International	266.90	281.00	+3.60	...
European	233.80	246.20	+3.70	...
Far East	120.80	127.20	+2.60	...

LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity	£801.90	...	+7.60	...
Fixed Interest	£371.40	...	+0.90	...
Property	£341.60	...	+0.40	...
Deposit	£277.00	...	+0.10	...
Mixed	£525.00	...	+6.00	...
Indexed Stock	£200.80	...	+1.60	...
International	£255.40	...	+5.20	...
Equity A	£186.50	...	+1.70	...
Fixed Int A	£165.30	...	+0.50	...
Property A	£150.50	...	+0.20	...
Deposit A	£163.20	...	...	...
Mixed A	£173.00	...	+2.00	...
Index Stock A	£157.60	...	+1.30	...
International A	£159.90	...	+3.20	...
Equity P	£648.80	...	+8.10	...
Fixed Int P	£477.10	...	+0.70	...
Property P	£374.30	...	+0.50	...
Deposit P	£321.20	...	+0.40	...
Mixed P	£473.60	...	+6.50	...
Index Stock P	£229.90	...	+1.80	...
International P	£289.40	...	+7.00	...

LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 283456

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Inv Trust Cap	£530.90	...	+5.40	...
-do- Acc	£829.80	...	+9.10	...
Property Cap	£157.10	...	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	£238.10	...	+0.40	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£192.10	...	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	£291.70	...	+0.90	...
Equity Cap	£297.50	...	+2.50	...
-do- Acc	£456.40	...	+4.20	...
Internatl Cap	£223.30	...	+3.40	...
-do- Acc	£339.30	...	+5.40	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£170.30	...	...	...
-do- Acc	£256.00	...	+0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£327.70	...	+2.90	...
-do- Acc	£501.80	...	+4.90	...
Moneymaker Fd	£395.00	...	+3.50	...
Capital Growth	£1454.0	...	+15.20	...

M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Amer Bond Acc	376.40	395.30	-0.90	...
Amer Rec Bond	429.90	451.50	+2.20	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	205.50	215.90	+1.00	...
Australasia Bd	184.70	194.00	+7.40	...
Commodity Bond	239.00	251.00	+3.70	...
Deposit Bond Acc	344.90	362.30	+0.30	...
Equity Bond Acc	1251.6	1314.3	-13.50	...
European Bd Acc	296.80	311.70	+6.00	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	619.60	650.70	-1.40	...
Far East Bd Acc	267.90	281.40	+5.60	...
Gilt Bond Acc	398.90	418.90	-1.10	...
Gold Bond Acc	135.80	142.70	+4.90	...
High Yield Bond	305.90	321.40	-1.70	4.28
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	199.40	209.50	-1.60	...
International Bd	656.80	689.80	+13.30	...
Japan Bond Acc	271.80	285.40	+8.70	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	251.00	263.70	+10.30	...
Managed Bonds	757.00	795.20	+1.70	...
Prop Bond Acc	297.70	312.70	-0.30	...
Rec Bond Acc	643.70	675.80	+2.30	...

MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Equity	205.90	216.80	-0.90	...
UK Equity Acc	275.40	289.90	+1.20	...
Special Sits	86.00	90.60	+0.20	...
Special Sits Acc	115.10	121.20	-0.50	...
North American	173.80	183.00	-1.20	...
N American Acc	232.50	244.80	-1.80	...
Pacific Basin	332.40	349.90	+5.70	...
Pacific Basin Acc	444.60	468.00	+7.80	...
Fixed Interest	276.80	291.40	-0.70	...
Fixed Interest Acc	370.70	390.20	-1.30	...
Property	151.40	159.40	-0.40	...
Property Acc	202.80	213.50	-0.40	...
Deposit	151.60	159.60	+0.10	...
Deposit Acc	203.60	214.40	+0.50	...
Managed	236.00	248.50	+1.30	...
Managed Acc	291.00	306.40	+1.80	...

MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Fund	624.00	656.80	+5.40	...
Property Fund	475.90	500.90	+0.70	...
Equity Fund	764.20	804.40	+5.70	...
Gilt Edged Fd	553.90	583.00	+1.30	...
Deposit Fund	314.50	331.00	+0.20	...
Investment Fd	322.90	339.90	+3.70	...
International	519.00	546.30	+10.30	...

MERCHANT INVESTORS 91 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA Admin: 0272 266366 Prices: 081 789 2045 or 0272 752297

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Property	392.60	413.20	+0.20	...
Equity Bond	305.10	321.10	+2.10	...
Money Mrkt Bd	501.30	527.60	+0.00	...
Deposit Fund	360.60	379.50	+0.30	...
Managed Fund	420.70	442.80	+4.00	...
Intl Equity	503.20	529.60	+6.80	...
Intl Managed	473.90	498.80	+8.30	...
North American	194.30	204.50	+0.10	...
Far East	383.20	403.30	+4.70	...
Intl Currency	256.80	270.10	+2.40	...

NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity	130.30	137.10	+0.80	...
Fixed Interest	488.20	513.80	+1.60	...
Managed	624.50	657.30	+7.50	...
Deposit	322.80	339.70	+0.40	...
Property	372.20	391.70	+27.50	...
American	384.30	404.50	+6.10	...
Australian	429.80	452.40	-10.30	...
European	446.80	470.30	+9.40	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	245.00	257.80	+1.10	...
Global Managed	126.60	133.20	+1.50	...
Income Acc	686.50	722.60	+2.20	...
-do- Dist	430.90	459.80	+1.30	5.18
International	244.90	260.70	+1.70	...
Japan Smaller	504.60	531.10	+20.90	...
Singapore & Mal	286.70	301.70	+4.00	...
Smaller Cos	344.40	362.50	-10.30	...
Tokyo Fund	677.70	713.30	+28.50	...
UK Equity	539.30	567.60	+2.50	...
CCM Vangd Mg	653.80	688.20	+6.10	...
Equity Pens Cap	875.80	921.80	+6.90	...

NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed	424.00	446.40	+4.20	...
UK Equity	524.00	551.60	+5.10	...
Overseas Equity	426.40	448.90	+6.00	...
Americas	375.00	394.80	+0.30	...
Far East	482.10	507.50	+16.20	...
Property	194.90	205.20	+0.40	...
Fixed Interest	335.10	352.80	+0.60	...
Indexed Gilt	215.90	227.30	+0.90	...
Deposit	205.60	216.50	+0.10	...

NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 148, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Fund	1219.6	1283.8	+9.20	...
Eqty Fund	2646.6	2785.9	+30.60	...
Property Fd	441.90	465.20	-0.50	...
Fixed Int Fd	547.20	576.00	-0.10	...
Deposit Fund	329.20	346.50	+0.30	...
Intl Fund	208.90	219.90	+2.20	...

PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63212

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Inv Prop Dist	140.40	147.80	+0.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	267.20	281.30	+0.30	...
Inv Equity	1051.0	1106.4	+7.10	...
Inv Managed	733.00	771.50	+6.60	...
Ret Managed	806.30	848.80	+7.30	...

PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB 0539 733733

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Bal Gwth Mngd	692.90	737.20	+4.20	...
Cash Fund	321.40	338.70	...	...
Property Fund	218.00	232.00	...	...
Equity Fund	794.50	845.30	+7.10	...
Fxd Interest Fund	421.00	443.70	+0.90	...
International	356.30	379.10	+3.90	...
High Income	623.00	662.80	+3.70	...
Far East	486.50	517.60	+7.80	...
North American	467.20	497.10	+0.80	...
Special Sits	565.30	601.40	+2.10	...
Technology	450.40	479.20	+0.30	...
Extra Income Fd	335.30	356.80	+3.10	...
Gilt Fund	446.80	475.40	+1.30	...
European	126.80	134.90	+1.70	...
Adventurous Mgr	181.30	190.90	+1.40	...
Secure Mgd	130.80	139.20	+0.60	...
Equity Inc Dist	109.70	116.80	+0.60	4.80
North American	103.50	110.20	+0.60	5.51

PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Fund Acc	266.90	281.60	+2.60	...
Fxd Interest Acc	220.50	232.70	+0.60	...
International Acc	229.00	241.60	+3.70	...
Managed Acc	197.50	208.30	+1.50	...
Property Acc	220.50	232.60	-0.60	...
Money Acc	146.70	154.80	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	189.40	199.80	-0.70	...
Japan Equity Acc	126.10	133.10	+4.70	...
N Amer Acc	150.20	158.50	+2.00	...
Pacific Acc	141.80	149.60	+3.10	...
European Acc	129.10	136.20	+1.80	...

PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 739000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Ord	413.90	435.70	+4.10	...
Managed Initial	293.20	308.60	+2.60	...
Equity Ord	619.10	651.70	+6.00	...
Equity Inlt	438.70	461.80	+4.00	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	193.70	203.90	+0.80	...
I-Linked Gilt Inlt	143.30	150.80	+0.40	...
Oseas Equity Ord	332.70	350.20	+5.60	...
Oseas Equity Inlt	235.70	248.10	+3.80	...
Property Ord	225.70	237.60	-0.30	...
Property Inlt	159.90	168.30	+0.30	...
Fixed Int Ord	257.50	271.10	+0.30	...
Fixed Int Inlt	182.50	192.10	+0.10	...
Deposit Ord	196.20	206.50	+0.10	...
Deposit Initial	139.00	146.30	...	...

PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed	290.70	312.20	+1.00	...

PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3278

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Fund	666.80	701.90	+7.50	...
Equity Fund	1298.1	1366.5	+12.70	...
Intl Fund	521.50	549.00	+9.80	...
Fixed Interest	532.60	560.70	+0.50	...
Property Fund	376.60	396.50	...	...
Cash Fund	348.40	366.80	+0.20	...
Pacific Basin	294.80	310.40	+7.80	...
N American Fd	207.00	217.90	+1.80	...
Euro Fund	219.20	230.80	+4.40	...
Balanced Fund	134.60	141.70	+1.50	...
Strategic Fund	138.90	146.20	+1.70	...

ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Mult Grow (45)	1050.70	...	...	...
-do- Acc	418.10	440.20	...	...
Op Prop	413.50	435.00	-0.10	...
Op Equity	884.70	931.30	+11.00	...
Op High Yield	522.50	550.00	+1.10	...
Op Managed	736.50	775.30	+9.00	...
Op Deposit	374.60	394.40	+0.40	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Extra Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Inc Gth	279.30	294.00	+0.40	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	340.20	362.40	+13.10	...
Natl High	...	...	...	...
Prop Shs	...	...	...	...
Managed Gth	226.90	238.90	+1.80	...
Gilt	77.70	81.80	...	...
Amer (35.34)	...	...	...	...
British	332.60	350.30	-1.40	...
Global Bond	111.80	117.70	+0.30	...
Global (35.34)	154.30	162.50	+0.30	...
Gold Share	70.80	74.60	+2.00	...
High Income	263.80	277.70	-2.10	...
Income	392.90	413.60	+4.20	...
Japan	427.40	449.90	+18.10	...
UK Smlr Cos	285.00	300.00	+0.10	...
Mngd Growth	405.00	426.40	+8.00	...

ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Royal Shield Fd	864.40	914.70	+14.50	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	346.00	364.20	+5.80	...
Equity Fund	478.20	503.30	+5.50	...
Property Fund	253.10	266.40	+0.20	...
International	410.40	431.90	+9.30	...
Pacific Basin	257.50	271.00	+12.90	...
United States	217.90	229.30	+1.30	...
Gilt Fund	327.90	345.10	+0.80	...

SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Bal Inv Fund	665.60	704.40	+6.60	...
Deposit Fund (2)	349.90	370.30	+0.30	...
Gilt Fund	471.50	499.00	+2.00	...
Global Equity Fd	204.10	216.00	+3.30	...
Property Fund (46)	89.40	94.70	...	...
AG Bond Fund	138.50	146.60	+0.50	...

SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity	502.20	528.70	+3.50	...
Fixed Interest	331.00	348.50	-2.30	...
Index-Linked	185.50	195.30	-1.70	...
International	396.60	417.50	+8.50	...
Property	239.40	252.00	...	...
Cash	219.60	231.20	+0.10	...
Managed	401.50	422.70	+4.00	...
Cap Greed Bd	98.90	104.20	+1.20	...

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Cash	172.26	181.32	+0.14	...
Index-Linked	150.80	158.70	+0.70	...
Fixed Interest	167.10	175.90	+0.70	...
Mixed	223.70	235.40	+3.00	...
UK Equity	213.60	224.80	+3.00	...
International	225.60	237.50	+4.90	...
American	230.10	242.20	-1.30	...
Japan	245.70	258.70	+7.10	...
European	207.60	218.60	+4.30	...
Pacific	315.40	332.00	+6.10	...
Technology	296.20	311.80	+2.60	...
Currncy/Currncy	216.00	227.40	+1.20	...

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Property	174.00	183.30	+0.20	...
UK Equity	316.60	333.30	+2.40	...
American	225.00	237.00	-0.50	...
Pacific	308.30	324.60	+6.60	...
European	398.40	419.50	+8.90	...
International	271.70	286.10	+3.90	...
Fixed Interest	224.30	236.20	-0.60	...
Index Linked	186.90	196.90	-0.50	...
Deposit	184.10	193.90	-0.20	...
Managed	253.30	266.70	+2.30	...
Worldwide	109.50	115.40	+1.20	...
Pen Worldwide	114.20	120.30	+1.40	...

SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Flex Fund (35)	1437.8	1482.1	...	...
Safety Fund	212.80	224.00	+0.50	...
Growth Fund	303.80	314.60	+2.10	...
Opportunity Fd	201.70	212.40	+1.60	...
Cash Fund	166.10	174.90	+0.10	...
European Fund	297.80	313.50	+9.50	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	179.00	188.50	-0.90	...
Index-Linked Fd	172.90	182.00	+0.50	...
International Fd	253.10	266.50	+4.10	...
North American	217.90	229.40	-1.00	...
Property Fund	114.70	120.80	-0.10	...
UK Equity	215.90	227.30	+2.60	...
UK Smaller	199.30	209.80	+1.30	...

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Mixed	235.50	248.00	+1.30	...
Equity	249.10	262.30	+1.60	...
International	245.40	258.50	+2.90	...
Property	194.70	205.10	-0.30	...
Fixed Interest	206.90	217.90	-0.50	...
Index Linked	171.40	180.60	-1.50	...
Cash	178.90	188.40	-0.10	...

SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Inv Pol 1	830.90	830.90	...	...
Inv Pol 2	758.00	798.00	...	...
Inv Pol 3	730.10	768.00	...	...
Inv Cash	297.30	313.10	...	...
Mixed Fund	402.10	423.60	+0.10	...
Equity Fund	472.30	497.20	+2.80	...
Property Fund	203.30	214.10	+0.50	...
International Fd	420.50	442.70	+6.40	...
Fixed Interest Fd	339.70	357.70	+0.60	...
Indexed Stock Fd	188.90	198.90	+1.80	...
Cash Fund	216.60	228.10	+0.20	...

SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BA 0703 334411

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Acc	328.90	346.20	+3.20	...
Equity Acc	376.50	396.30	+1.70	...
International Acc	309.10	325.30	+5.60	...
Property	305.50	316.30	+3.20	...
Royal Trust Mg	212.60	223.80	+2.30	...

STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Cash	256.30	269.80	+0.20	...
Equity	878.70	925.00	+8.30	...
European	139.60	147.00	+2.20	...
Far East	150.10	158.00	+2.30	...
Fixed Interest	363.60	382.80	-0.30	...
Index Linked	195.80	206.20	-0.90	...
International	539.10	567.50	+6.80	...
Managed	616.60	649.10	+5.60	...
Nth American	137.00	144.30	+0.10	...
Property	306.50	322.70	+0.10	...
Pensions				
Cash	392.70	413.40	+0.30	...
Equity	1239.5	1304.8	+12.30	...
European	163.50	172.20	+3.00	...
Far East	117.90	124.20	+2.70	...
Fixed Interest	483.20	508.70	-0.30	...
Index Linked	271.00	285.30	-0.80	...
International	746.10	785.40	+11.80	...
Managed	847.50	892.20	+8.90	...
Nth American	168.60	177.50	-0.40	...
Property	388.00	408.50	+1.40	...
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Equity Fund	765.00	805.30	+7.30	...
Fixed Interest Fd	383.70	403.90	+0.10	...
Index-Linked Fd	289.50	304.80	+1.10	...
Property Fund	413.50	435.30	+3.30	...
International Fd	556.40	585.70	+8.70	...
N American Fd	210.80	221.90	+2.90	...
Far East Fund	191.40	201.50	+2.60	...
Deposit Fund	280.30	295.10	+0.20	...
International Bd	£173.89	...	-0.07	...
Worldwide Bond	153.30	161.40	+0.60	...
Worldwide Finci	78.70	82.90	...	...
Worldwide Tech	93.50	98.50	...	...
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Wealth Assured	563.50	593.30	+4.50	...
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Equity Account	£1041.1	...	-3.30	...
Mngd Fund Acc	342.60	360.60	-0.40	...
Equity Fund Acc	458.90	483.10	-1.60	...
Prop Fund Acc	221.30	233.00	+0.30	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	280.00	294.70	+1.60	...
Money Fund Acc	210.90	222.00	+0.40	...
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	196.40	206.80	-1.60	...
Pers Pens Acct	£1622.1	...	-6.60	...
Pens Mngd Acct	754.30	794.00	-3.20	...
Pens Guarantee	221.40	233.10	+0.40	...
Pens Equity	286.50	301.60	-3.70	...
Pens Property	231.80	244.00	+1.00	...
Pens Fixed Int	250.70	263.90	+1.60	...
Pens Intl	213.30	224.50	+1.20	...
Pens Money	222.00	233.70	+0.30	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	184.70	194.40	+2.00	...

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	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Acc	782.60	823.80	+7.50	...
Property Acc	294.70	310.30	+0.80	...
Equity Acc	1273.4	1340.5	+10.80	...
Fixed Int Acc	355.60	374.40	-1.40	...
Index-Linked Acc	193.80	204.00	+0.70	...
Cash Acc	294.10	309.60	-0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	330.50	347.90	-1.70	...
Japan Acc	304.90	321.00	+12.00	...
Pacific Acc	286.50	301.60	+4.20	...
Far Eastern Acc	692.70	729.20	+11.40	...
International Acc	495.30	521.40	+7.80	...
Distribution Fund	266.80	280.90	+0.10	6.0
European	155.30	163.50	+3.50	...

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	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
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Fixed Interest Fd	206.70	217.60	+1.00	...
Money Fund	190.20	200.30	-0.20	...
Equity Fund	330.10	347.50	+4.00	...

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	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
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Financial Ser 1	39.70	42.60	...	...
Fixed Interest	313.70	330.30	+1.10	...
Gold	80.70	85.00	+3.00	...
Managed	553.00	582.20	+12.40	...
Mngd Growth	177.10	186.50	+0.50	...
Mngd Opp	185.80	195.60	+10.50	...
Property	247.70	260.80	...	...
Residential Prop	91.00	95.80	...	...
TSB American	186.60	196.50	+1.60	...
TSB Brit Gwth	726.40	764.70	+13.10	...
TSB European	238.80	251.40	-1.30	...
TSB Income	348.10	366.50	+2.50	...
TSB Intl	380.60	400.70	+12.20	...
TSB Ind Inc	269.70	283.90	+5.70	...
TSB Pacific	344.90	363.10	+11.80	...
TSB Prem Inc	236.00	246.60	+0.50	...

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Protect investors, not salesmen

COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

Before the new Chancellor has had time to pick up the report from the Office of Fair Trading on how much information should be given to investors, salesmen are rubbing their hands at the prospect of earning more money.

With the logic and language of second-hand car salesmen, they argue that commission rates will rise if they have to be revealed to customers. While some have feared that independents would never sell another insurance policy or pension plan once investors realised how much of their money was disappearing into salesmen's pockets, others see it as an opportunity to increase their incomes.

If the public are told how much commission is paid, they will negotiate discounts to cut that commission, the salesmen say. It may be that those who bargain salesmen down substantially will have a warm glow about the deals they have done. They will not know that insurance companies have paid more so that a few of the more sophisticated customers can talk it down to the old level. The salesmen probably suspect that only a bold few will try to get discounts when dealing with anyone as grand as a financial consultant or investment adviser, but they will emphasise the need to safeguard their incomes.

And when rates paid to independent financial advisers increase, it is certain that tied agents will also want an improvement, whether they have to reveal what they earn or not. The Office of Fair Trading has recommended only that independent brokers should be so forthcoming.

But tied agents, after all, deliver more customers to a life company than an agent who deals with all companies.

As we know, however, tied agents win some pretty good deals and it seems that the ropier the insurance company, the more it has to pay to attract and keep agents. In some cases, the cost of selling policies is so high that every new one dilutes the investment performance of existing policies.

The companies keep on in the knowledge that expensive marketing forays are paid for by existing investors. In many cases, they must know, or strongly suspect, that there is little chance of the policies being sold achieving the figures that the regulators cheerfully allow them to publish.

It is not a marketing matter and therefore not a problem for the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation; and while the companies' funds are adequate, the Department of Trade does not really want to know.

In the meantime, if the regulators and Treasury are not pretty smart, salesmen will make yet more money out of another measure intended to protect investors.

Euro-fraudsters

INVESTORS tempted by better interest rates offered by the UK branches of European banks, or by cheaper personal or business loans, need to be wary. The House of Lords was told this week that the Bank of England has no responsibility for supervising the branches of EC banks in Britain.

The information came on the afternoon of the announcement that the Bank was being sued by the liquidators of Bank of Credit and Commerce International over its failure to protect investors.

The Earl of Caithness answered a question about London branches of certain Dutch banks. It asked was the government aware that the Bank had no supervisory authority over these banks and was not required to investigate the promotion of advance-fee loan fraud schemes by their London branches?

Such frauds have been promoted in Britain for years. Loans at low interest rates are offered to people starting up businesses. The only problem is, no money is forthcoming once the arrangement fee is paid. Lord Caithness confirmed that no supervision was conducted by the Bank of England to prevent European banks from operating such schemes.

Dutch banks were the responsibility of the Dutch supervisory authorities. He did say, however, that if the Bank of England became aware of evidence of possible involvement in fraud, it would inform the Dutch supervisors and, where appropriate, the police or other authorities.

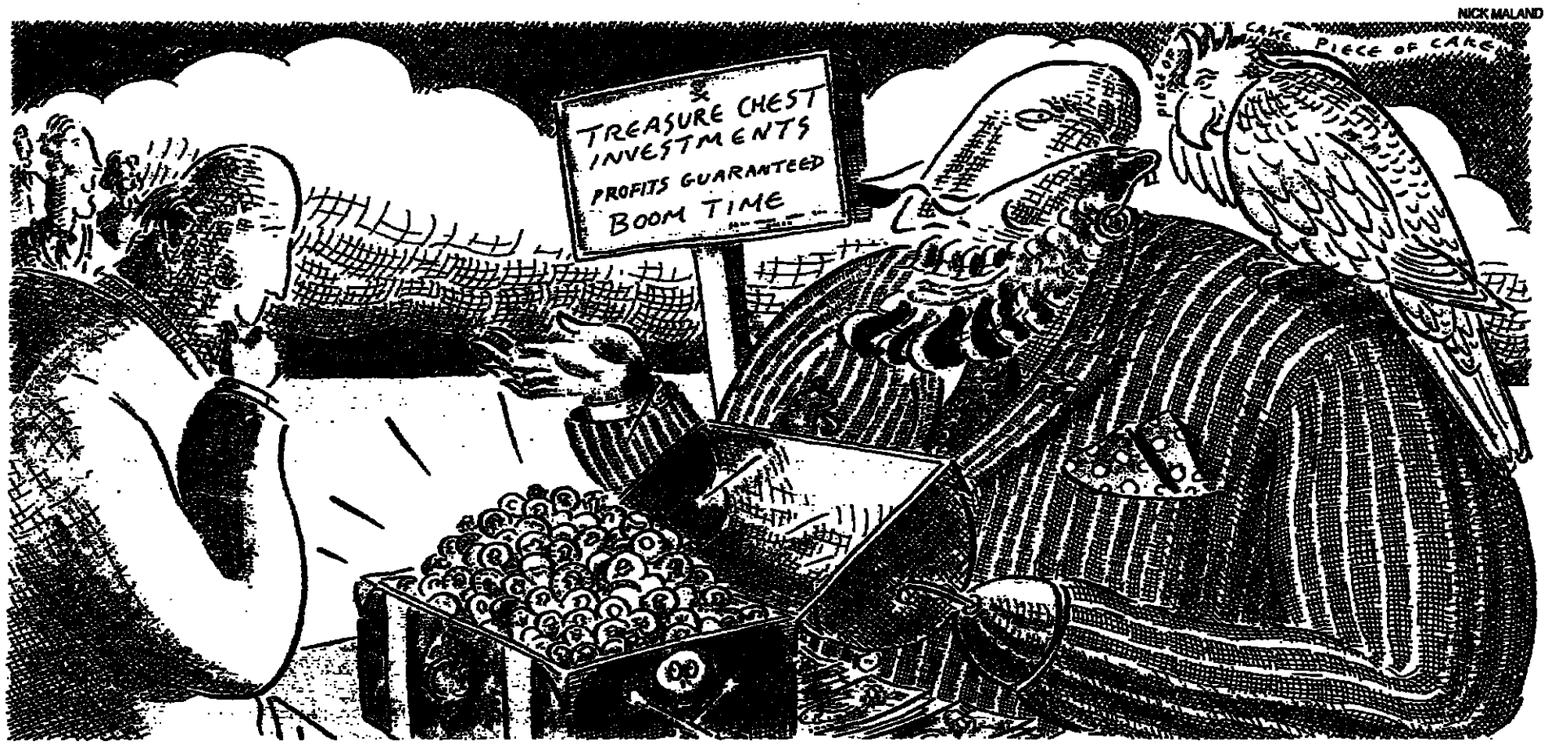
Such an answer is enough to fill the hearts of customers and potential customers with horror. There is already a fear that Euro-scoundrels will be able to come to London and sell all manner of dodgy investments.

If the supervisory regime in their home country does not worry, they will be able to get away with it as long as they have a "head office" outside Britain. It need only be a nameplate and a telephone answering machine.

Investors, depositors and borrowers need to be careful.

Coins and gems can mean risk and no profit

Sara McConnell gives a timely warning to those who may be tempted by tangible investments



A COMPANY which marketed portfolios of supposedly rare coins as a "high profit, low risk investment" has ceased trading.

Attempts by investors and dealers to contact the company, Rare Coin Investments of Maidenhead, Berkshire, have so far been unsuccessful. It is not clear whether people who paid for coins but never received them or who are dissatisfied with what they have been sold will be able to get their money back.

Those buying coins, or other "tangibles" like gemstones, antiques, paintings, stamps or classic cars as investments are normally not protected by the Financial Services Act, the Securities and Investments Board said. Because they are not covered under the Act, there is no compensation for investors if a firm goes into default. Trading standards officers say there is at present nothing in the Trades Descriptions Act allowing them to take firms to court if they make exaggerated claims about the value of tangible investments.

The British Numismatic Trade Association (BNTA), representing coin dealers and auctioneers, said it had had calls from dealers allegedly owed money by Rare Coin Investments (RCI) but had been unable to contact the company.

RCI's telephone is switched through to another company, Spectrum Services of Farnham, Surrey. The receptionist who answered the telephone said she was personal assistant to John Roberts, the new company secretary of RCI. The company had ceased trading but was not in liquidation, she added. Mr Roberts did not return telephone calls and the company's fax was out of order.

Jeff Eccles, who bought £11,505 worth of coins from Rare Coin Investments, has been trying to contact the company since it ceased trading last Friday. He was dissatisfied with the quality of the coins he was sold last month and returned them to RCI.

He said he was relying on the company's written promise that it would return 95 per cent of the cost of the coins if a customer was not satisfied. However, Mr Eccles said, a cheque for £1,000 promised him on account never materialised and neither did the rest of the investment he says he is owed. He is now left with no coins, no money and no apparent means of contacting RCI. Some of the coins being offered by RCI were English coins described as "independently certified coins in mint state". They were sealed into plastic "slabs", an American invention, after having been graded by one of two American grading houses, the Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) or the Numismatic Guarantee Corporation (NGC). PCGS was indicted in 1990 by the Federal Trade Commission for making false claims about the objectivity and consistency of its grading in America. Nigel Goldman, RCI's chairman and managing director told *The Times* in 1991 that coins were worth more in slabs than on their own because they had been independently certified.

However, coin experts say the coin market has slumped over the last 10 years and is now at best "mixed". Those hoping to sell coins in slabs bought as an investment are finding it almost impossible to sell at all, let alone make the sort of profits they were promised.

David Fletcher, the BNTA's executive secretary, said: "A coin is worth what someone will pay for it." People who bought "slabbed coins" are finding in some cases that they could be paying several hundred pounds for a coin, supposedly superior because of its independent grading, only to find it was worth a fraction of the price they bought it for.

One BNTA member was shown a slabbed coin that cost its owner £500, but which was only worth £20 to £25. Most dealers have no interest in the slabs but merely break them open to remove the coin and regrade it themselves, he said.

Michael Sharp, a coin expert at A. H. Baldwin, numismatists, said: "I have personally seen coins of a common nature, overgraded, slabbed and sold on at prices which would frighten the cat." Berkshire County Council trading standards department said this week it had received several complaints about the value put on coins by Rare Coin Investments but had not been able to take action because the Trades Descriptions Act did not cover representations of value. Barbara Ford of Berkshire County Council, said: "Someone can sell a pin in a paper bag for £50 if they can find someone to pay for it."

> 'Someone can sell a pin in a paper bag for £50 if they can find someone to pay for it'

The SIB said it was receiving complaints from people who had bought diamonds in the 1980s, wanted to sell them, but were told there was no buyer.

In one case seen by the SIB, a man spent £5,000 on diamonds which he was told had been inspected by de Beers but was continually fobbed off when he wanted to sell them. Claims that de Beers had inspected them proved false, as de Beers does not value stones.

De Beers said there is no daily fixed price for diamonds as there is for gold.

Gemological laboratories that will report on the quality of polished stones do exist, but there is nothing to stop anyone starting up such a laboratory.

In most cases SIB cannot do anything because the investments are unregulated. The only exception to this is if investors are part of a syndicate, pooling their money to buy an investment. Then they may be considered collective investment schemes and are regulated under the Financial Services Act. But they are only regulated collective investment schemes if the investment is realisable. Otherwise they are unregulated collective investment schemes, and the manager of the scheme has to be authorised.

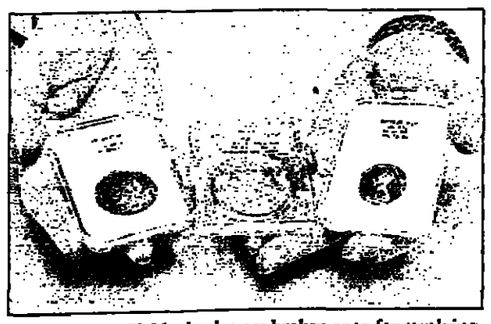
One syndicate that would have needed authorisation under the FSA was run by Diamond Guarantees of Harrogate, North Yorkshire. Tom Butler, the firm's managing director, said he had not set up any syndicates since the FSA came into force. But about 35 investors in 14 syndicates, who have put a minimum of £500 into a pool to buy diamonds, cannot cash in their investment because there are no buyers. Mr Butler said the market had been flat for the last two years, but he was confident it would pick up.

He agreed there was no indication in the original prospectus that investments may be difficult to liquidate but said they had been "overcome" by poor markets. Mr Butler is now trying to raise funds to buy out the syndicates by marketing schemes to pay employees diamonds as payments in kind to avoid national insurance contributions.

American conmen are coining it in

UNSUSPECTING investors in the US and Canada are being persuaded to part with large sums of money for coins in plastic slabs. The coins are being sold over the telephone for up to five times what they are worth (Sara McConnell writes).

The bureau of consumer protection at the Federal Trade Commission said it had had a "steady stream" of cases where investors had replied to advertisements offering rare coins in slabs with the promise that they would appreciate in value. The investors are then sent "stick promotional materials" followed up with a "high pressure sales call" said Russell Damtoft, the bureau's assistant to the director. Mr Damtoft added: "They claim rare coins are appreciating in value but investors should check industry newsletters. These coins are worth a fraction of what people are paying."



Hidden flaws: Slabbed coins are broken open for revaluing

Many of these high pressure sales outfits are operating out of Florida, California and to a lesser extent, Minnesota. Mr Damtoft said: "They like to be somewhere warm." They do not normally market within these states but operate in other states and increasingly, internationally.

The FTC has also been investigating a new rash of high pressure selling of gemstones as investments, after a big outbreak of diamond marketing a few years ago. Other scams have included sales of tickets to a land management lottery to lease oil wells and rare artworks. Such investments are normally unregulated in the United States, as they are in Britain.

The Securities and Exchange Commission said investors would only be covered by US investment regulations if there was a third party involved in managing these goods as investments. This arrangement would be considered an investment contract under US securities laws and investors who have lost out could bring a private action in the federal courts.

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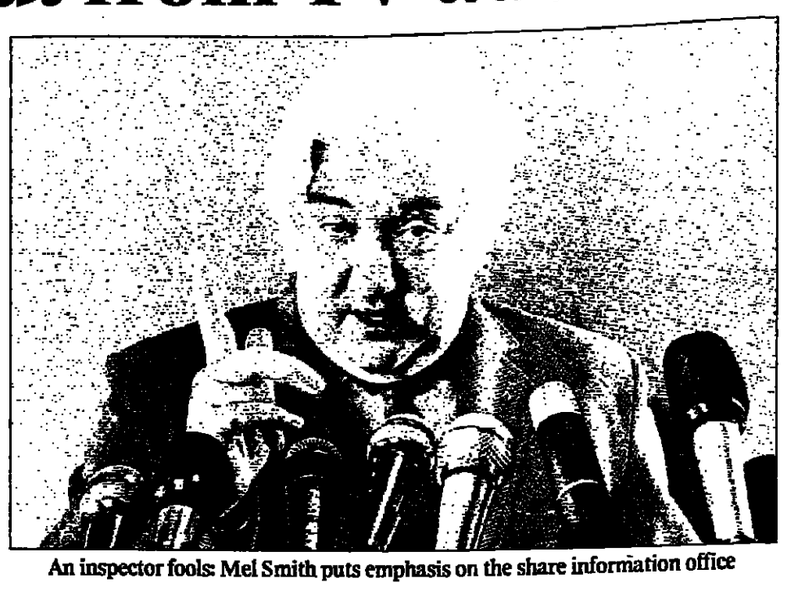
BT3 share shops say they will lose out from TV advertisements

Liz Dolan says in the scramble to attract buyers share shops fear the public is being misled



An inspector fools: Mel Smith puts emphasis on the share information office

THE race is on between the 150 organisations chosen to operate share shops in the forthcoming BT3 share offer to attract as many applicants as possible.

All are emphasising the fact that, if the offer is oversubscribed, people who apply through official share shops will get more shares than those applying through the government's share information office.

But this difference has not been made clear in the current Inspector Morose advertising campaign which, while mentioning the existence of share shops, appears to encourage people to register with the share information office.

One cynical share shop operator said: "That's because the government doesn't give a damn about what happens as long as people buy the shares from somewhere."

Sharelink, which is based in Birmingham, has devised a combined application, trading and information package. This includes a 24-hour, push-button telephone dealing service, which allows people to buy and sell BT shares; a free eight-page investment report on BT; and a half-price video, normally £9.95, in which "Sir John Harvey-Jones helps dispel the myths of stock market investment". The two latter offers are only available to people registering before June 15. So far, one in three registrants has requested the investment report, and one in eight has bought the book.

Investors may either apply direct through Sharelink on 021-233 1111, or via one of the 180 branches of the Bristol & West Building Society. Special dealing rates for BT shareholders will be announced shortly. Sharelink's normal minimum rates are: telephone dealing, £20; dealing by post, £12.50. Sharelink says it handled one in four applications for the previous BT issue.

National Westminster Bank, which processed 28 per cent of BT2 applications, will announce special BT dealing rates sometime in mid June. Minimum rates at the moment are: instant touch-screen service, £20; postal service, £9.95; over the counter in branches, £25; telephone service £25.

The small, but energeticallymanaged, Share Centre is offering a £3 Argos Premier Points card to each successful BT3 applicant. Minimum dealing rates by post or telephone are £10. The Share Centre is also setting up a "tone-phone" dealing service for BT shareholders, with a minimum commission of £8.

Successful applicants with an extra £1,000 or more to invest will also be offered a choice of three mini-portfolios of shares in well known companies, chosen for their shareholder perks and generous dividend policies. The Centre's helpline is 071-757 4000. Barclays Bank is offering BT3 registrants three months' free use of its portfolio administration or advisory services, plus a free information leaflet entitled *The ABC of How Shares Work*. New PEP applicants also get a free book, *Beginner's Guide to Investment*, which is available to other registrants for £3.99, 40 per cent of the cover price.

Cash card holders can dial up BT3 information on Barclays cash dispensers. 2.5 million customers will receive registration forms with their bank statements, and there is also a free information line, 0800 156156. Registration forms are available in all bank branches.

John Siddall, the Manchester broker, is offering BT applicants three vouchers entitling them to make three purchases for a total commission of £10. These may be of any UK stock, and the vouchers will be valid for three months after the BT issue. Each household is limited to one set of vouchers. All existing clients are automatically registered. New clients should ring: 061-832 7471.

The Leeds and the Skipton Building Societies are both acting as agents for Wise Speke, the Newcastle broker. The Skipton allows up to four family members to deal over the telephone for a minimum £15 plus £4.50 per extra family member. The postal service charge is £9, plus £2 for each family member up to a maximum of three.

Walker, Crips, Weddle, Beck the broker, is offering a share execution service. The broker's execution business, Investorlink, has been appointed one of the official Share Shops.

Investors wishing to register for BT3 can do so with Walker Crips via a freephone number (0800 605604). The Walker Crips Share Shop will also later offer to execute further purchases and sales once trading in the new shares gets under way.

Transactions of up to £1,000 will cost £10. The charge for up to £2,000 of stock rises to £15 with a basic charge of 0.75 per cent for transactions above £2,000. An additional £2.50 is levied per family member.

The BT3 prospectus is published on June 29. Applications are likely to be deadlined July 13/14 and allocations will be announced on the following Sunday. Dealings are expected to start on Monday, July 19.

BRIEFINGS

Abbey National will offer an annual travel insurance policy at branches from Tuesday and is reintroducing a next-day currency and travellers cheques service. At the beginning of the year Abbey began to require a working week to provide currency, saying there was little demand for a more speedy service. The Halifax Building Society, its biggest rival, announced last week that it was improving its travel money service and would allow customers to telephone orders so that they did not have to queue. Halifax customers have to place orders by 11.30am to collect them after 12.30pm the next day. Abbey customers have until noon and can collect the same time the next day. Abbey is offering cheques in nine denominations and currency can be ordered for most destinations.

☐ Save & Prosper is reminding its customers of their rights under the code of banking practice. It has produced a leaflet explaining the bank has to keep details of accounts confidential and detailing how to stop cheques. It also explains the customer's right to information under the Data Protection Act and how to contact the banking ombudsman if a dispute with the bank cannot be resolved.

☐ Alliance & Leicester borrowers are being given the chance to have a room designed by Sir Terence Conran in a competition for mortgage applicants. Those who apply before July 2 also get a free copy of the designer's book *DIY by Design*.

☐ A survival kit for widows has been published by DBS Financial Management before the announcement soon expected in the reform of the intestacy laws. The guide, which is free, includes a shock reduction checklist to help couples plan ahead. It is available from DBS, Independence House, Holly Bank Road, Huddersfield HD3 3HN.

☐ More than 90 per cent of people in Britain believe all credit card companies should offer photocards to help reduce fraud, says a survey conducted for National & Provincial Building Society, the first card issuer to offer photocards to all customers.

☐ TSB has launched a one-year fixed-rate mortgage at 5.75 per cent (APR 6.1 per cent) for first-time buyers. This is for loans up to 95 per cent of the value of the property and has an arrangement fee of £195. It also is offering a three-year fix at 7.75 per cent (APR 8.2 per cent).

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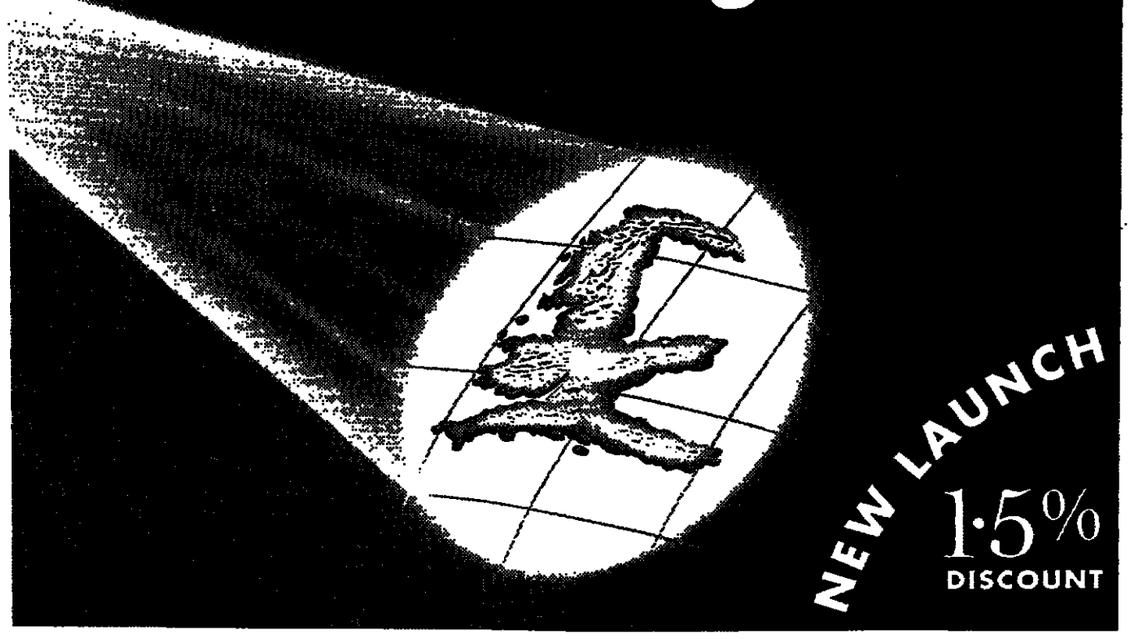

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The regulator decides it is time to get tough

Lindsay Cook says that the SIB is planning to make life harder in the wake of the Maxwell scandal

ANDREW Large, the chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, took the unusual step of writing an open letter to investors this week, when he published the board's report on how investor protection can be strengthened in the wake of the Maxwell pension scandal.

In the letter, he says he wants to stop the crooks. "I want to stop them getting into the system. If in, I want to make it more difficult for them to steal or defraud. And if they do, I want them picked up and punished as soon as possible. I want crooks to be afraid about what could happen to them."

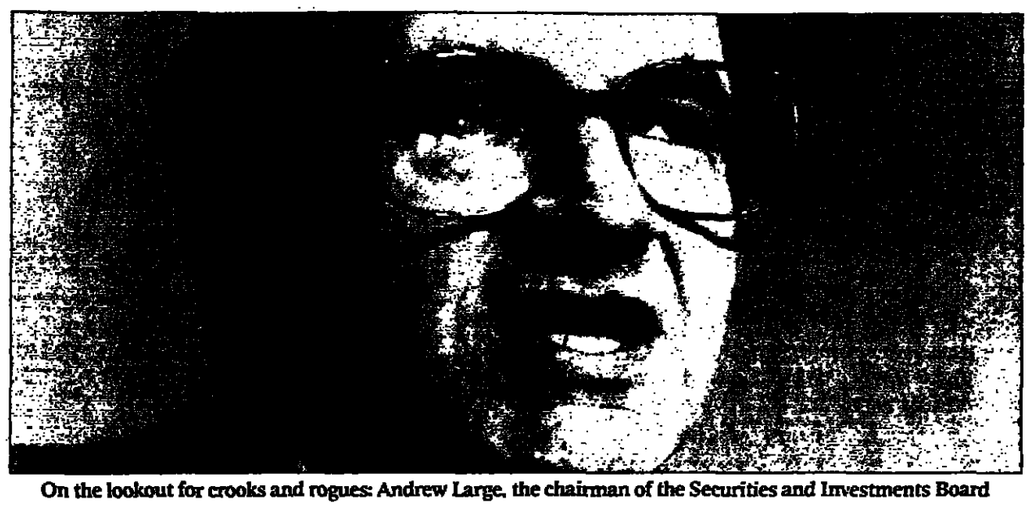
Mr Large emphasises the importance of investors in the regulatory structure. It is they who need to feel they are protected and who in the end pay for regulation.

In the report he refers to the "special hazards posed by opaque products, delivered through intensive selling methods, and bought by the mass public." The regulators have often been slow to spot the dangers of new products, often marketed by respected household names, that promise more than they can provide or are sold to inappropriate investors.

One such product is the with-profits bond. The literature of some with-profits bonds had to be withdrawn after some investors were led to believe that they were similar to building society accounts. They are likely to get compensation. Regulators were unaware of the problem until alerted by press reports.

Some brokers and tied agents have persuaded many people to leave perfectly good occupational pension schemes and to transfer their existing benefits into a personal pension plan.

In the vast majority of the cases this is not good advice. Scheme members lose when they withdraw money from a final salary occupational scheme and have to pay for the setting up of the personal pension. Complicated new products are launched every week. The Securities and Investments Board recognises that it, and the self-regulatory organisations, need to scrutinise these products earlier to improve the protection provided to investors.



On the lookout for crooks and rogues: Andrew Large, the chairman of the Securities and Investments Board

In the report, Mr Large accepts, "there is deep public concern that too much misselling is taking place, and that adequate investor protection is not being delivered within the present fragmented set-up".

Those who do fall victim to the rogues that slip through the regulatory net are also having to wait too long for compensation from the Investors' Compensation Scheme. This too lacks the public's vote of confidence and needs to be seen to be fair to both investors and those who pay for it.

Some investors have had to wait years to win compensation. These include elderly people who were were sold home income plans and not warned of the risks of borrowing money, using the value of their homes as security, and then investing it in stockmarket-linked bonds. When investment salesmen leave the country with investors' money or are jailed for complicated frauds there are also long delays. A recent High Court victory though, does mean that claims can be paid beyond the grave. If an investor dies before the money is paid out his or her beneficiaries can pursue the claim. The open letter, the first to be written to investors, since the board came into operation six years ago, says that "the shocking loss of the Maxwell pensioners' money in particular showed that a rethink was necessary". The SIB has been given the go ahead by Norman Lamont, the then Chancellor, to put in place his plans to improve the regulatory system. SIB will play a stronger supervisory role over the self regulatory organisations and make they are controlling their members properly. It goes on: "I want higher standards. Most sales people and businesses do operate with high standards. And I believe standards today are higher than they used to be. But they are still not good enough. There are still too many exceptions - high pressure selling for example."

> 'You need to make a careful judgment before parting with your money. You must do this in your own interest'

Almost as dangerous to investors are well meaning but negligent sellers of investments. "I want to identify negligent and incompetent behaviour, to stop both the people and the firms which let it happen — and where necessary to get the guilty parties out of business."

But investors are called upon to play their part in the deal. They have to take care. "The regulators will do their best to eliminate fraud and ensure higher standards. But all investment involves some risk, that's why the reward can be greater than just savings. Remember: the value of some investments can go down as well as up, and, not all persuasive salesmen and advisers will put your interest before their own.

"We, on our part, will make sure you get the right information so that you can judge the risks. You, on your part, need to make a careful judgment before parting with your money. You must do this in your own interest. Because no system of regulation can do that for you."

Just the chap to beat the credit card bill deadline

BY ANNE CABORN

UP TO half of credit card users choose to pay off their balance in full each month, but they can have problems if they fail to send off the money in time. Most card issuers recommend that seven working days should be allowed if the cheque is sent by post and four for an over-the-counter payment at a bank branch.

There is strong pressure to pay on time for the 200,000 Co-operative Bank customers who had their standard Visa cards converted to Co-Op's Robert Owen card in February. *Since then,* the customers have only 15 days from the day the statement is *issued to pay* in full and escape interest charges. With bank holidays and weekends, the customers may not have the full seven working days by the *time the bill arrives, even if* they act rapidly. Other card issuers may cut their deadlines as well.

> 'With bank holidays and weekends, the customers may not have the full seven working days when the bill arrives'

But for customers who have missed the postal deadline and cannot make an over-the-counter payment, they may still get their money there on time if they use special delivery, which costs £1.95 plus a first class stamp. The Post Office says this raises the chances of a letter arriving the next day from 95-96 per cent to 97-98 per cent. The point is whether the extra postal cost outweighs the interest due.

For a late payment, it is possible to use the Clearing House Automated Payment System (Chaps), an electronic and guaranteed same day payment, sometimes referred to as a telegraphic transfer of funds. Chaps was introduced in February 1984 and is usually used for moving big sums. In 1992, the average transaction was £2.5 million. But last January the minimum fell from £5,000 to £1,000 and this January was dispensed with. It is best to start the transaction in the morning as there will probably be a mid-afternoon deadline for receipt of a credit card payment. It also involves a trip to the bank. About 300 banks and building societies have access to Chaps payments.

Again, the key question is whether the cost of the transaction will work out less than the interest that will be charged on the credit card. Typically, if the outstanding balance on a card is not cleared, interest is charged on the daily balance from the day a purchase registers on the account — usually about two or three days after it was made.

The cost of a same day transfer of funds varies. Barclays charges £17 on the first £4,400, followed by 30p per £100 up to a £37 maximum. Lloyds charges £19, but this rises to £24 if the customer wants to be notified that the funds have gone through. Royal Bank of Scotland charges £13 (£18 with advice), Abbey National £15, Midland £17.50, National Westminster £20 (for a National Westminster branch) and £22 with other banks. The Halifax Building Society charges £18.

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Why insurers link postcode database to the horrors of Wadhurst Clay

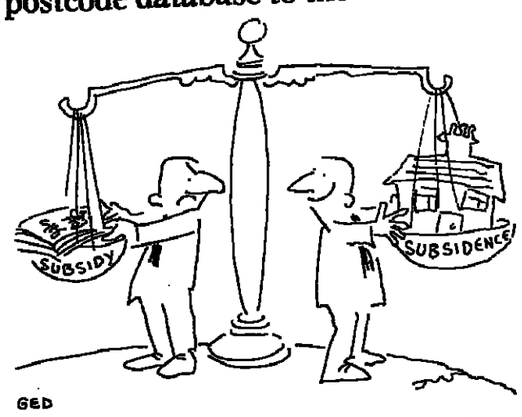
From Mr Peter J. Cook

Sir, Mr Henry Bear complains (Letters, May 15) about his household insurance premiums and the use of postcodes by insurance companies. Perhaps he should count his past blessings instead.

His cottage at Brede in East Sussex almost certainly rests upon a geological formation known as the Wadhurst Clay, which is a sequence of clays and silts that is susceptible to shrinkage and cracking in dry weather, and to swelling in the wet. Such movements commonly disturb foundations and crack walls so the village is not unreasonably regarded as an area of moderate-high subsidence risk.

Mr Bear sees little danger of subsidence to his property and calls in evidence the fact that it has stood for 250-300 years. But what shrinking and swelling has it been subject to during that period? Based on the survey's geological knowledge of the area, his cottage may well be a fortunate survivor of turbulence in the clay rather than a witness to a secure bedrock.

His insurers at United Friendly are rating his property by postcode district (TN31) and he can see no link between his cottage's vulnerability to subsidence and the Post Office's coding system. I suspect that the link is his insurers' claims database, which is structured by postcode and tells his underwriter how to



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rate subsidence risk across the Tonbridge district.

Mr Bear could reasonably argue that his insurer should combine his claims records with details of the geology of his village to give a better assessment of the local subsidence risk. Indeed, the Geological Survey has just compiled such a system (Ghasp) which allows underwriters to take account of the geology in setting their rates.

But I have to tell him that this more objective and accurate method would not necessarily result in a low rate of Brede; it could in fact be higher than he has been used to paying. Nevertheless, greater use of geological information by the insurance industry would help to ensure natural justice in house premiums in that householders who chose to live in areas which are demonstrably more liable to ground movement would not be subsidized by premium-payers in less hazardous areas.

Yours faithfully,
PETER J. COOK (Director),
British Geological Survey,
Kingsley Dunham Centre,
Keyworth,
Nottingham.

A friendly gesture on a Sunday evening

From Mr Henry Bear

Sir, Let no-one underestimate the power of the Press!

Following my complaint (Weekend Money Letters May 15) I received a telephone call — on Sunday evening — from the general manager of the United Friendly Insurance company, as a result of which cover was restored with immediate effect, and on Monday 17th a new policy was written at the same premium and conditions as last year.

From telephone calls and letters received, for which I am most grateful, I have learned that I was not alone over the problem of postcode subsidence.

The danger for any unresponsive insurers is that if they overcharge the good risks in this manner, they will then finish up with only the bad ones — and even higher premiums!

Yours faithfully,
HENRY BEAR,
Clare Cottage,
The Village Green,
Brede,
East Sussex.

Voters would not forgive tinkering with BES loanback schemes

From Mr Peter Wright

Sir, I write with reference to reports that Conservative MP Michael Sterns is proposing that the finance bill be amended to retrospectively deprive investors in "loanback" type BES schemes of either a major part of the return on their investment (tax relief at 40 per cent in my case) or the opportunity to realise most of their invested capital within a period of less than five years.

I invested in such schemes in 1993 and before the Budget. I am retired and needed to invest with low risk and the greatest possible return for my family's future security, but with access to the invested capital in the short to medium-term in case of emergency.

It was a Conservative government that introduced BES and tuned it to encourage people like me to invest. It may well be that the rules have not had the intended effect and that they should be changed now, and anyone with sense can see why. No one should expect a complaint that such investments will no longer be available in future to be taken seriously. However, neither should anyone expect that having made substantial investments encouraged by rules made by the government, they could then be deliberately and substantially punished for doing so by a government of the same colour.

If this proposal is adopted, then yet another section of the public will have had forced upon them the consequences of government incompetence. In the fairly recent past, we have all carried the cost of the poll tax fiasco and the futile defence of the pound — many of the unemployed owe their position to the nonsensical way we entered the ERM. To now cheat a few tens of thousands of bona-fide investors whom it encouraged to invest is the sort of thing the Conservative government party needs like a hole in the head, if it is ever to be elected again. Has Mr Stern already forgotten Newbury, not far from here!

Yours faithfully,
PETER WRIGHT,
Willowbrook,
Winkfield Row,
Bracknell,
Berkshire.

Ultimate solution

From Mr Giles Chichester

Sir, I note with interest that, from recent correspondence regarding the National Savings Bank, I am not alone in my fury at the cavalier attitude of this organisation towards savers wishing to make small deposits.

My nine year old daughter was deeply disappointed and very surprised when I told her that the National Savings Bank would not accept her £10, which had been carefully preserved from various birthday presents and not spent. As a consequence I have taken steps to close down all the savings accounts my children have with the National Savings Bank. Even if we get a worse rate elsewhere, the National Savings Bank does not deserve the use of our children's money.

Yours faithfully,
GILES CHICHESTER,
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1965	6,504	6,672	6,633	950	974	992	1,001
1966	6,120	6,360	7,094	1,550	1,456	1,487	1,693
1967	7,224	7,728	7,610	2,150	2,331	2,424	2,439
1968	9,900	10,872	8,187	2,750	3,866	4,087	3,249
1969	8,256	9,252	8,872	3,350	3,766	4,022	4,148
1970	8,376	9,636	9,634	3,950	4,411	4,784	5,132
1971	12,696	15,036	10,437	4,550	7,452	8,236	6,186
1972	15,696	18,960	11,286	5,150	9,839	11,017	7,315
1973	11,832	14,496	12,395	5,750	7,869	8,878	8,667
1974	7,224	9,036	13,810	6,350	5,225	5,956	10,294
1975	16,164	20,760	15,373	6,950	12,446	14,446	12,095
1976	15,540	20,436	17,078	7,550	12,512	14,770	14,072
1977	24,696	33,288	18,939	8,150	20,559	24,739	16,241
1978	27,396	37,812	20,817	8,750	23,390	28,689	18,482
1979	28,476	40,176	23,434	9,350	24,848	31,022	21,448
1980	32,436	46,836	27,023	9,950	28,864	36,727	25,386
1981	37,464	55,488	30,688	10,550	33,929	44,107	29,470
1982	45,672	69,288	34,667	11,150	41,981	55,699	33,931
1983	65,964	102,180	38,362	11,750	61,304	82,815	38,180
1984	90,504	142,368	42,722	12,350	84,781	116,061	43,157
1985	112,968	180,180	48,189	12,950	106,466	147,530	49,323
1986	152,352	245,892	53,615	13,550	144,214	201,966	55,510
1987	184,248	300,696	59,392	14,150	174,961	247,537	62,125
1988	203,160	335,220	65,131	14,750	193,510	276,549	68,757
1989	257,076	428,544	73,382	15,350	245,483	354,160	78,117
1990	218,640	368,880	84,046	15,950	209,307	305,380	90,123
1991	226,320	387,120	93,554	16,550	217,187	321,009	100,945
1992	283,920	494,105	101,627	17,150	273,117	410,383	110,275
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Bluebird Toys	35	132	97	277.14
Acorn Computer	10	37.5	27.5	275.00
Astec (BSR)	10	33.5	23.5	235.00
Gresham Telecom	9	29	20	222.22
Sleepy Kids	9.5	30	20.5	215.79
Huntleigh Tech	283	893	610	215.55
Rodime	4	12.5	8.5	212.50
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Telemetrix	30.5	74	43.5	142.62
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Gloss rubs off gilts funds

Tea and sympathy: Richard Youard, investment ombudsman

By Sara McConnell

GILT funds can constitute "dangerous" advice for investors wanting to keep their capital intact because they do not guarantee to return a specified sum, the investment ombudsman said this week.

Sales of such funds are booming, with much of the investment coming from building society investors hit by low interest rates. They are promoted as low-risk funds offering a higher return than building societies and the prospect of capital growth.

But investing in gilts through a fund rather than buying them directly does not guarantee the return of a specified capital sum. Frank Adams, director of Kleinwort Benson, which has £34 million under management in its gilt fund, said: "If you buy a UK government stock directly, you know that on a specified date, you will get a specified sum back if you hold it to redemption. When you buy a gilt unit trust, you don't know this. If it is actively and well managed, you could make money. If the fund performs badly, people may find they do worse in a gilt fund."

In a gilt fund, managers are trying to anticipate movements in interest rates and inflation, which directly affect gilt prices. If interest rates go down, gilt prices rise and vice versa. If a fund manager thinks interest rates will rise, for example, he or she may buy "short-dated "gilts maturing in the next year to take advantage of the higher gilts prices. Fund managers say that they are not constantly switching between gilts maturing at different dates and the funds are not as actively managed as equity funds. But Richard Youard, the investment ombudsman, said: "Managers in gilt funds are dealing and this can reduce the capital value of the investment."

It emerged in the ombudsman's annual report, published this week, that two investors were awarded a total of £12,000 in compensation after it was found that an investment adviser had underestimated the risk of gilt funds.

'Fund managers say they are aware of the dangers of marketing to investors who would naturally put their money in banks'

At the time, interest rates were low, as they are now, and returns from gilts were better than returns from building society deposits. A year and a half later, interest rates were rising and they wanted to put their money back into building society deposits. They found their capital had been eroded.

One of the investors battled for two years to get compensation, before the independent adjudicator called in by the ombudsman to arbitrate in the cases decided that the adviser had, unintentionally, underestimated the risk to capital and awarded the compensation. Of the 92 cases resolved by the ombudsman this year, only three had to go to arbitration and two of the three concerned gilt funds.

This is not the first time that the ombudsman has expressed concern over gilt funds. Two years ago, he said in his report: "Typically, an investor with modest capital for investment specifies that he/she wants a fixed income or at least an income with a high degree of certainty, coupled with maximum security as to the preservation of the capital.

"Not surprisingly, the adviser draws attention to the attraction of gilts, where the income return can be stated with certainty and when the fact that you get your money back in full can also be stated with certainty — or at least if the gilts are held to redemption....

"Having correctly advised the investor that gilts are an appropriate form of investment for the stated objectives, the capital is then invested in a gilt fund. By following this course, a risk is introduced which would not exist in the case of direct investment in gilts because gilts do vary in price during their life and by the transposition of the investments in the fund the managers can quite easily lose capital which would otherwise have been retained safely."

Brochures for gilt funds have now improved, the ombudsman said this week. Fund managers say they are well aware of the dangers of marketing to investors who would naturally put their money in banks and building societies.

Colin Musk, business development manager at Barclays Unicorn, the investment arm of Barclays Bank, said: "We have been conscious of this. At a time when interest rates were dropping, we were aware that sales in our gilt and fixed interest funds were going up. At first we thought 'great' — then we realised."

Instructions were sent to all branches, telling staff to make clear that gilt funds were not a substitute for deposit investments. Barclays Unicorn's gilt and fixed interest fund is the largest in its sector, with £102.7 million under management.

Terrorism forces up school fees

By Margaret Dibben

INDEPENDENT schools are being thwarted in their attempts to hold down fees by terrorists, whose actions could double the increase in fees for some schools next year. Bursars are desperately struggling to keep rises in fees to about the rate of inflation as parents are being forced to withdraw children from schools they can no longer afford.

For years, school fees have risen by at least twice the rate of inflation and the prediction for the new academic year is for them to climb by 4-5 per cent, still double today's inflation rate.

Until last December schools were covered for terrorist damage under their buildings policies but now, whenever the policy comes up for renewal, which for most schools is next September, they must buy separate terrorism insurance or be uncovered.

Initially, for buildings worth up to £5 million, the insurance in inner cities costs 9p for every £100 value of the building. A £5 million building will cost £4,500 a year in premiums. Many schools are facing between £1,000 to £5,000 in additional premiums for terrorist insurance but a large city centre school with 1,200 children could be paying £50,000 in premiums.

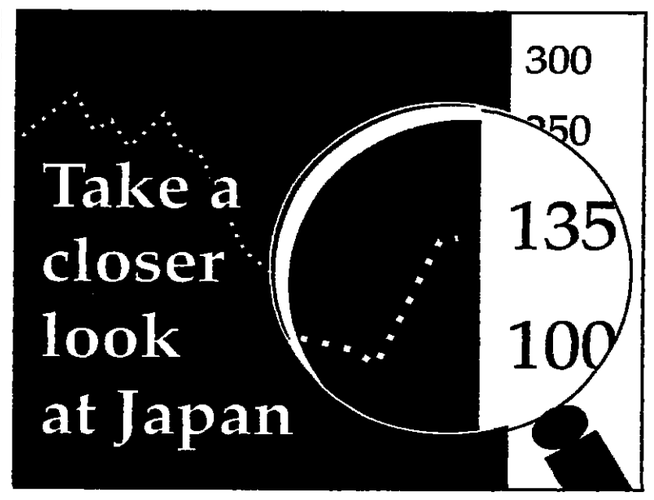
This could change again from July 1 as the underwriting terms are currently under review. Rates could rocket. Schools in city centres are especially vulnerable but even rural schools could be hit accidentally.

Peter Newnham, a director of Holmwoods, the school insurance specialist, said: "With the current situation, this is bound to push up the cost of school fees because if schools elect to take the cover, as many may to protect the trustees, then clearly that is going to have an effect on their budgets. They have to find the money from somewhere and the only place it comes from is the fees."

Kings College School, Wimbledon, is just inside the inner-city band and expects to pay additional premiums of £20,000 next term. Clive Collier, the bursar, said: "On an annual turnover of £6 million the additional cost, while not insignificant, is relatively small. But when you balance that against the 1,000 or so pupils that we have here, it is about £20 a year or £7 a term on every pupil's fees, which are currently between £1,800 and £1,900."

The school's governors have discussed whether or not to take terrorist insurance but at present the thinking is equally split. Next term's fees, assuming an extra bill of £20,000, will rise by 3.25 per cent.

Children at schools which do not take out terrorist insurance can be compensated for personal injury under the school's personal accident insurance policy, if the school has one. Many independent schools have cover; grant maintained schools should have, but few state schools take out such insurance.



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Tiger Index	137.00	146.20	-0.90	0.68
UK Index	122.40	130.60	+1.20	2.98
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	80.97	86.56	-0.84	1.00
European P folio	71.49	76.17	+1.33	1.38
Japanese P folio	67.15	71.37	+3.04	...
Pacific P folio	100.15	107.69	+3.00	1.11
Cazenove P folio	70.79	75.72	+0.85	3.00
UK Income Gth	62.41	66.93	+0.78	5.00
Utility & Bond	49.48	50.15	+0.55	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	595.08	600.00	...	4.82
Fixed Int	152.70	152.90	...	9.49
Deposit	5.70	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	585.59	585.74	..	5.10
-do- Acc	2295.4	2305.3	...	...
Deposit	3.65	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.15	124.16	...	9.34
-do- Acc	165.20	165.44	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	61.74	64.99	-0.45	3.32
Beckman Intl	78.41	82.81†	-0.01	3.20
Friars Hse Inc	175.93	189.17	+0.95	6.16
Friars Hse Cap	243.75	262.10	-1.04	2.78
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Smaller Cos	36.03	38.33	+0.84	1.80
-do- Acc	40.60	43.19	+0.95	1.80
UK General	66.92	71.19†	+0.14	2.48
-do- Acc	81.24	86.43	+1.24	2.48
Wwide Bd	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	56.94	60.90	+1.30	0.13
-do- Acc	59.32	63.44	+1.35	0.13
Quilter	120.95	128.67	+0.100	2.43
-do- Acc	134.33	142.90	+1.11	2.43
Quilter Income	92.85	98.78	-0.89	3.53
-do- Acc	114.43	121.73	+1.07	3.53
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	81.82	87.04	+1.79	0.91
Japanese Acc	64.16	68.25	+3.16	...
UK Balncd Inc	126.10	134.10	+1.30	2.50
-do- Acc	147.20	156.60	+1.60	2.50
UK Growth Acc	206.00	219.20†	+1.20	1.20
UK High Inc	130.20	138.50†	+0.10	6.86
-do- Acc	157.50	167.60†	+0.10	6.86
N America Acc	110.30	117.30	+0.90	0.33
European Acc	152.20	161.90	+3.50	0.43
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.07	63.71	+0.11	8.87
-do- Acc	96.95	102.80	+0.20	8.87
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	108.60	115.90	+1.30	0.43
UK Smlr Cos	197.30	209.60†	+4.30	1.19
Eurofund	37.02	39.18	+0.82	1.02
Mngd Exempt	161.80	170.80	-0.50	3.09
Growth Inc	210.30	223.40	-0.30	3.80
High Dist	139.30	148.00†	+0.70	5.24
International	315.00	334.70	-3.40	0.97
Intl Income	79.38	84.74	+0.79	3.07
Pacific	57.58	61.18	+0.33	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	75.42	80.13	+6.02	...
Tokyo	209.10	222.20	+9.40	...
Japan Exempt	121.10	124.40	+8.70	0.43
Sml Jap Exempt	638.80	656.40	-76.90	0.09
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	120.00	127.50	+1.70	1.10
Australia	6.958	7.388	+0.19	1.06
Equity	185.10	196.70	+1.00	3.56
Euro Spec Sits	139.80	147.90†	+3.10	0.56
Financial	39.38	41.84	+0.15	2.88
Global Opps Inc	88.02	93.52	+0.91	2.15
-do- Acc	91.24	96.94	+0.94	2.15
Gold Gen Inc	49.83	52.94†	+2.24	0.82
-do- Acc	95.65	101.60†	+4.29	0.82
Income	120.40	127.90	+0.10	3.83
Japan General	162.40	172.60	+7.00	...
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	174.00	185.10	+1.60	1.08
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	103.24	108.67	+1.12	3.23
High Income	117.83	124.03†	+0.45	4.84
Tst of Inv Tsts	143.94	151.52	+1.38	2.07
Special Sits	83.75	88.16	+0.65	2.67
North American	101.94	107.31	-1.35	0.86
Far Eastern	244.64	257.52	+3.64	1.42
Intl Growth	93.67	98.60	+0.43	1.38
European	63.20	66.53	+1.47	2.18
Smaller Cos	69.99	73.67	-0.66	2.09
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	217.60	231.40†	+2.20	3.31
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	117.20	124.70	+2.10	...
High Income	24.87	26.17†	+0.06	5.76

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FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	90.62	95.87	+2.58	0.87
Far Eastern	138.80	148.30	+3.90	...
Overs Income	87.61	93.72	+0.10	2.49
UK Growth	94.06	100.60	+2.63	0.95
UK Income	98.46	105.30†	+1.10	3.48
US Smaller Cos	237.00	253.50	+2.10	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	48.04	51.10	+0.39	...
-do- Acc	48.04	51.10	+0.39	...
Am Smllr Co	418.30	447.30	+5.20	...
-do- Acc	427.30	456.90	+5.30	...
Capital	286.10	306.40	+2.00	1.90
-do- Acc	401.20	426.70	+2.80	1.90
Contl Smllr Cos	47.94	51.57	+0.97	0.68
-do- Acc	49.60	53.36	+1.00	0.68
Convertible	114.70	122.00	+0.60	5.91
-do- Acc	212.40	225.90	+0.90	5.91
Emrg Mark	49.97	53.38	+0.15	...
-do- Acc	49.97	53.38	+0.15	...
European	94.93	101.50†	+2.94	1.01
-do- Acc	98.75	105.60†	+3.10	1.01
Extra Income	290.80	309.30	+2.00	4.01
-do- Acc	407.20	433.10	+2.80	4.01
Financial	101.90	109.10†	+1.20	0.68
-do- Acc	106.20	114.20†	+1.30	0.68
Health Fund Inc	114.40	122.20	+2.70	...
-do- Acc	114.40	122.20	+2.70	...
Income Tst	175.00	186.10†	+0.70	2.92
-do- Acc	248.00	263.80†	+1.20	2.92
Intl Growth	313.70	335.10	+7.00	...
-do- Acc	348.40	372.10	+7.70	...
Japan Gen	185.20	198.10	+10.60	...
-do- Acc	187.00	200.10	+10.70	...
Mngd P folio Inc	89.83	94.55†	+1.13	0.93
-do- Acc	94.43	99.39†	+1.18	0.93
Monthly Income	149.60	159.10	-0.80	3.97
Qnty Inc	48.34	51.42†	+0.09	5.94
-do- Acc	48.46	51.54†	+0.09	5.94
Recovery	292.40	313.70	+4.80	0.63
-do- Acc	343.60	367.40	+5.60	0.63
UK Growth	46.48	49.70	+0.65	2.69
-do- Acc	46.48	49.70	+0.65	2.69
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	342.23	364.07†	+2.49	2.89
-do- Acc	699.51	744.16†	+5.08	2.89
Euro Gth Dist	104.69	111.37	+2.03	0.96
-do- Acc	107.82	114.70	+2.09	0.96
Fixed Int Dist	129.02	136.47	+0.26	6.50
-do- Acc	216.75	229.27	+0.44	6.50
Intl Gth Dist	76.55	81.44	+1.32	0.76
-do- Acc	79.19	84.25	+1.37	0.76
Nth Amer Dist	163.71	173.42	+1.30	0.85
-do- Acc	177.54	188.07	+1.41	0.85
Pac Basin Dist	248.36	264.21	+5.78	0.11
-do- Acc	252.28	268.38	+5.87	0.11
Stewardship Dist	299.80	318.94†	+3.44	1.73
-do- Acc	357.45	380.27†	-4.10	1.73
Stwd Inc Dist	63.27	67.31†	+0.66	3.36
-do- Acc	78.11	83.10†	+0.82	3.36
N Am Stwd Dist	94.49	100.52	...	...
-do- Acc	99.96	106.34	...	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	139.90	149.70	+2.30	...
European	403.50	428.30	-7.30	0.99
Far East General	225.90	241.70	+4.30	0.30
Germany	95.51	101.20	+2.18	0.45
Global Assets In	67.38	71.95†	+1.18	2.34
Global Assets Ac	71.25	76.08	+1.25	2.19
Income Inc	120.60	129.00	-1.90	6.82
International	267.20	285.70	+6.60	0.98
Intl Income	78.10	83.17	+1.22	4.79
Japan General	370.90	394.10	+10.00	...
Smllr Cos Div	46.40	49.63	-0.17	6.12
UK Capital Inc	163.00	174.40	+2.40	3.83
-do- Acc	278.90	298.30	+4.00	3.76
Uk Spec Sits	74.45	79.63	+0.05	1.59
US General	113.10	120.40†	+1.10	0.11
W'wide Spec Sits	116.60	124.50	+2.30	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.41	46.43	-0.13	1.44
Cash Trust*	128.73	128.73	+0.10	5.03
Pract Inv Inc	102.19	109.59	+1.05	3.98
-do- Acc	219.40	235.28	+2.28	3.98
UK Smaller Cos	102.71	110.14	+0.13	1.03
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.46	27.23†	-0.31	7.97
High Inc	31.29	33.46†	+0.33	5.02
UK Equity Inc	126.66	135.47	+1.58	3.94
Global Bond	28.89	29.94	+0.10	4.81
International Funds				
Gold Intl	86.83	93.11	+2.73	0.90
Frontier Markets	41.20	44.18†	+1.55	0.41
Global Inc Gth	116.41	124.18†	+0.26	2.21
UK Intl	114.45	122.41	+4.63	0.39
Overseas Funds				
American	126.09	134.55	+0.02	0.49
European	80.03	84.89	+1.47	0.62
Euro Sel Opps	93.60	99.88	+2.05	0.83
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	126.55	135.35	+2.22	0.37
American Gth	121.41	129.85	+0.78	...
European Gth	65.70	70.07	+1.62	0.42
Japan Gth	81.12	86.75	+4.50	...
Pacific Inc	143.98	153.99	+4.52	2.85
Pacific Strategy	123.68	132.27	+3.35	0.25
UK Prog Inc	72.11	76.00	-0.33	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.57	50.02†	-0.24	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.60	47.70	+0.51	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	131.10	131.10†	+0.10	4.45
Gilt Fixed	118.20	125.40	+0.10	6.23
Growth Equity	279.70	298.80†	+2.90	2.22
Guardhill	416.80	445.20	+4.20	2.26
Income Trust	108.60	116.00	+0.80	3.06
International	155.40	166.00	+2.90	0.36
Japan Trust	126.70	135.30	+5.40	...
Nth American	246.00	262.80†	+2.10	0.49
Pacific	368.60	393.70†	+5.30	...
European	338.40	361.50	+6.60	0.74
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	34.91	37.01	+0.58	1.68
-do- Acc	36.54	38.74	+0.61	1.68
Inc Adv Inc	29.29	31.05	+0.25	4.01
-do- Acc	30.45	32.28	+0.26	4.01
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	75.20	80.36	+1.05	0.96
Equity Income	110.20	117.20†	+0.60	3.52
European	129.70	137.60	+1.90	1.15
Intl Situation	74.37	79.12	+1.12	...
Japanese	150.00	159.10	+6.70	...
North American	96.42	102.30†	+0.40	...
Scandinavian	114.10	120.60	+1.40	...
Smaller Cos	30.88	32.85	+0.16	1.95

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HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	87.20	93.21†	+0.29	...
Asian Enterprise	128.44	138.96	+3.32	0.54
Australian	135.75	145.11	+4.53	1.18
European	364.53	385.82†	+10.22	1.07
European Inc	69.01	72.95	+1.41	2.88
Euro Sml Co	121.33	129.28	+2.29	0.58
Extra Income	257.08	273.68	+1.35	4.87
Family of Funds	69.82	74.51	+0.82	1.28
Fixed Interest	55.19	59.01	+0.32	7.94
Global Resour	103.57	111.18	-3.61	0.69
High Inc	283.83	303.40†	+3.49	4.38
Income Gth	230.56	245.54†	-5.01	3.86
-do- Acc	595.87	634.60†	+4.09	3.86
International	226.18	240.86	+2.49	0.99
Japan Spc Sit	247.66	263.63	+14.52	...
Japan	212.43	228.92	+11.20	...
N Amer	218.47	232.24	+1.68	0.18
Pacific Smllr Cos	191.46	206.77	+9.11	0.31
Pref Gilt	45.55	49.18†	+0.36	8.54
Smaller Cos Div	164.31	179.09†	+1.56	4.11
Special Sits	258.63	276.73	+4.66	1.62
-do- Acc	398.52	426.41	+7.17	1.62
Best of British	54.61	58.53†	+0.60	2.62
Spirit of the East	60.85	68.50	+2.14	0.53
Henderson TR Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	79.90	85.45	+0.98	...
Euro Spec Sits	44.68	47.47†	+0.84	...
-do- Acc	47.31	50.27	+0.89	...
Far East Opps	32.31	34.78	+0.85	...
-do- Acc	33.20	35.74	+0.88	...
General Growth	97.23	104.00	-0.80	2.04
Global Tech	120.50	130.30†	+1.10	...
Income Growth	101.10	108.80	+1.10	3.45
Income Monthly	56.49	60.41	+0.25	4.28
Japan Growth	84.09	89.41	+3.81	...
Overseas Gth	74.66	79.33†	+1.55	...
Smaller Cos	73.10	78.60†	+1.53	1.57
Special Opps	103.60	111.30	+1.10	2.09
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	85.80	91.76	+1.58	2.32
Capital	153.90	164.50	+3.20	1.98
Dollar	299.40	320.20	-1.30	0.09
European	195.30	208.80	+7.70	0.65
Far East	238.80	255.30	+8.00	0.42
Financial	686.60	734.30†	+8.30	2.44
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.46	26.45	+0.08	7.97
High Yield	97.90	104.70	-2.30	4.71
Income	131.00	140.10	+0.70	3.71

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Intl	211.90	226.60	+5.30	0.27
Japan Tech	73.68	78.58	+4.10	...
Nat Resources	59.90	64.06	-1.94	0.65
Security	292.90	313.20†	-5.40	2.05
Smaller Cos	112.50	120.30†	+3.70	1.36
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	24.83	27.14	+0.40	1.53
Special Features	26.74	28.41	+0.07	1.64
-do- Acc	31.57	33.54	+0.08	1.64
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.05	55.68†	+0.41	1.92
Assets Earnings	69.57	73.91	+0.78	1.92
do Acc	81.76	86.87	+0.93	1.92
Managed Invest	86.58	92.49	+1.59	1.19
Rupert Children	73.94	78.84†	+1.16	1.84
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.59	50.59	+0.03	4.41
Extra Inc	77.67	83.19	-0.14	4.89
Gilt	27.56	29.04	+0.01	6.79
Income Gth	37.86	40.46†	+0.29	3.48
MIMstar	74.92	76.57†	+0.37	8.02
Preference	17.46	19.13†	+0.03	6.26
UK Income	301.20	321.90	+1.50	2.98
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	55.74	59.22	-0.44	1.28
Property Shares	62.66	67.40	-0.62	1.75
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	140.80	147.90†	+1.30	3.78
European Acc	107.80	114.10	+2.30	1.07
European Dist	102.50	108.60	+2.20	1.07
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.64	50.68	-0.01	0.92
European Perf	107.20	113.80	+2.30	1.06
-do- Acc	109.20	115.90	+2.30	1.06
Euro Small Cos	20.92	22.32	-0.45	0.75
French Growth	64.28	68.69	+1.99	0.54
-do- Acc	68.67	73.38	+2.12	0.53
Hong K/China	71.73	77.03	+1.83	1.61
Intl Growth	50.92	54.10	+1.19	0.65
-do- Acc	50.92	54.10	+1.19	0.64
Japan Perf	36.10	38.34	+1.70	...
Accum Units	36.10	38.34	+1.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	38.16	40.59	+2.28	...
Singapore Asean	79.38	85.98	+1.61	0.29
-do- Acc	79.87	86.51	+1.61	0.29
South East Asia	231.00	249.20	+4.40	0.96
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.41	69.75†	+0.05	5.07
Extra Income	51.55	54.84	-0.07	6.67

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Gilt Yield	117.30	123.70	-0.10	7.45
Global Income	194.50	206.90†	+3.00	4.23
High Yield	131.10	139.50†	+2.00	5.93
Smllr Cos Div	47.61	50.65†	+0.24	4.15
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	88.60	94.26	+2.28	...
North American	73.12	77.79	-1.01	0.41
European	128.10	136.30	+2.40	0.88
Euro Special	77.39	82.33	+2.02	0.94
General	259.40	276.00	+4.30	3.23
Japan	445.60	474.00†	-28.50	...
Japanese Special	250.20	266.20	+21.10	...
Master Acc	214.70	228.40	+4.50	1.35
Pacific	266.30	283.30	+5.40	0.57
Smaller Cos	100.90	107.30	+0.60	1.96
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	72.06	76.66	+1.59	0.93
Extra Income	23.82	25.34	-0.50	3.21
Far East	27.53	29.29	+0.65	0.91
Income Gwth	72.08	76.66	+0.67	2.88
Intl Growth	51.18	54.45	+0.75	0.71
Japan	66.18	70.40	+2.58	...
Maximum Dist*	99.71	101.70†	+0.10	6.86
N Amer Equity	37.41	39.80	-0.10	0.27
UK Equity	84.99	90.41†	+0.73	3.04
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.47	55.82	-0.13	4.48
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300, Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	417.20	443.80	+4.50	2.92
Equity Acc	792.00	842.50	+8.60	2.92
Equity Income	89.85	95.59	-0.42	5.17
European	94.19	100.20	+3.10	1.71
Far Eastern	189.00	201.10	+9.30	0.29
Fixed Interest	51.49	54.78	+0.34	6.37
Gilt	89.13	94.52†	+0.26	6.51
Global Growth	66.25	70.48†	+2.14	0.74
Intl Bond	54.83	58.33	+0.51	4.87
Japanese	73.73	78.44	+4.37	...
Overseas Equity	95.50	101.60	+2.70	0.78
Pacific Gth	87.28	92.85	+2.58	1.21
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	306.40	326.00†	+2.70	2.96
-do- Acc	673.00	716.00	+6.00	2.96
Contl Euro Gth	49.39	51.99	+1.02	1.49
-do- Acc	52.23	54.98	+1.08	1.49
Extra Inc	233.90	248.90	+0.60	3.65
-do- Acc	578.40	615.40	+1.60	3.65
German Gth	98.30	103.50	-1.90	0.35
-do- Acc	103.10	108.60	+2.00	0.35
Growth Port	484.70	515.30	+3.60	1.21
-do- Acc	484.70	515.30	+3.60	1.21
Income	440.30	468.50†	+1.80	3.62
-do- Acc	1129.0	1202.0	+4.00	3.62
Income Port	481.60	511.70†	-0.90	4.11
-do- Acc	486.30	516.70	+0.90	4.11
Japan Growth	99.01	105.40	+4.40	0.01
-do- Acc	99.36	105.80	+4.40	0.01
Master Trust	51.25	54.53	+0.42	1.57
-do- Acc	55.74	59.30	+0.45	1.57
N American Gen	177.80	189.20	-1.00	0.01
-do- Acc	205.40	218.60	-1.10	0.01
Nam Sm Co Rec	135.90	144.60	-1.00	0.01
-do- Acc	138.70	147.60	-1.00	0.01
Pacific Basin	200.60	213.50	+3.70	0.53
-do- Acc	212.00	225.60	+3.80	0.53
Small Cos Rec	312.40	328.90†	+12.50	2.17
-do- Acc	406.80	428.30	+16.40	2.17
UK Growth	77.82	82.79	+0.49	2.23
-do- Acc	90.73	96.53	+0.57	2.23
Worldwide Gth	276.10	293.80	+8.00	0.14
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	75.40	80.90†	+0.49	2.90
Income	58.98	63.28	-0.50	5.40
International	56.57	60.70	+0.84	0.70
American	58.04	62.27	-0.10	0.30
Japan	55.37	59.41	+1.98	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	55.30	59.34†	+0.63	1.90
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	376.00	396.90	-0.30	0.84
-do- Acc	463.90	489.70	-0.30	0.84
American Rec	401.60	424.70†	+5.40	0.17
-do- Acc	460.10	486.70	+6.20	0.17
Am Sm Co Acc	115.10	121.80	+0.40	...
Australia Acc	156.00	165.00	+6.30	1.14
Capital	649.80	687.20	+4.50	2.56
-do- Acc	717.00	758.30	+5.00	2.56
Commodity Acc	423.40	447.80	+7.40	0.75
Compnd Gth	803.10	849.30	+9.10	2.98
Dividend	34.40	36.40†	+0.20	4.25
-do- Acc	136.30	144.30	+0.90	4.25
Equity Inc	296.30	313.20	+4.20	4.82
European Div	58.40	61.80	+0.70	4.32
-do- Acc	66.00	69.80	+0.87	4.32
European Gen	376.40	398.00	+7.60	1.49
-do- Acc	470.20	497.20	+9.50	1.49

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Extra Yield	370.90	392.10	+1.10	4.37
-do- Acc	1084.2	1146.4	+3.10	4.37
Far Eastern	300.20	317.60	+7.00	0.62
-do- Acc	395.00	417.80	+9.20	0.62
Fund of Inv	489.90	518.10†	+4.50	2.25
-do- Acc	893.50	945.10	+8.30	2.25
General	52.80	55.80	-0.40	3.61
-do- Acc	139.00	147.10	-1.10	3.61
Gilt Fxd Int	60.50	60.30†	+0.10	7.73
do Acc	152.00	152.30	+0.30	7.73
Gold	56.70	60.00	-2.10	0.78
-do- Acc	66.30	70.20	-2.50	0.78
High Inc	24.70	26.10	...	4.57
-do- Acc	91.40	96.80	+0.10	4.57
Intl Growth	67.40	71.30	-0.40	0.90
-do- Acc	116.20	122.90	-0.70	0.90
Intl Inc	91.70	97.00†	-1.00	4.49
Japan Gen Acc	51.50	54.60	+2.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	155.10	164.00	+7.70	...
Midland	54.80	57.60†	+2.20	3.28
-do- Acc	174.40	184.80	+7.30	3.28
Recovery	36.10	38.20	+0.40	2.73
-do- Acc	56.70	60.10	+0.70	2.73
Second Gen	60.70	64.20	+0.30	3.45
-do- Acc	148.50	157.10	+0.80	3.45
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 688066				
Inv Port Inc	134.30	143.60	+1.30	2.03
-do- Acc	149.20	159.50	+1.50	2.03
UK Income	112.20	120.00	+0.90	2.65
-do- Acc	125.10	133.80	+0.90	2.65
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	79.37	84.88	+2.26	0.80
Far East (Pacific)	138.40	146.90	+5.40	0.62
Income Growth	70.66	75.00†	+1.47	3.10
European	65.91	69.96	+1.46	1.29
Nth American	56.14	59.59	+1.35	1.02
UK Growth	74.00	78.55	-0.82	1.64
Intl Growth	93.39	99.16†	+2.36	0.65
Charities	105.80	111.90†	+0.60	3.80
Intl Income	66.90	71.01	-0.67	4.25
Japan	54.46	57.81	+1.92	0.07
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2060				
American	183.70	194.80	+1.90	...
-do- Acc	196.30	208.30	+2.10	...
Cash	100.50	100.50	...	5.58
-do- Acc	129.30	129.30	+0.10	5.58
European Gth	187.90	199.30	+4.30	0.80
-do- Acc	201.20	213.40	+3.30	0.80
General	451.60	481.80	+4.70	2.51
-do- Acc	859.10	916.40	-8.90	2.51
Global Dist	128.00	134.50	-0.10	5.43
-do- Acc	143.20	150.50	-0.20	5.43
Income	132.70	141.60†	-0.50	4.81
-do- Acc	195.80	208.90†	-0.80	4.81
International	378.00	402.60	+6.90	0.69
-do- Acc	501.40	534.00	+9.20	0.69
Japan	189.80	201.40	-10.00	...
-do- Acc	194.80	206.80	-10.30	...
New Europe	135.40	144.50	-1.80	1.80
-do- Acc	157.60	168.80	-1.80	1.80
Recovery	287.20	306.40†	-0.50	2.93
-do- Acc	363.20	387.50†	+0.70	2.93
European Inc	72.22	76.69	+0.21	3.18
-do- Acc	91.61	97.28	+0.25	3.18
Brit Blue Chip	70.30	74.86	+0.75	3.37
-do- Acc	82.91	88.29	+0.86	3.37
Portfolio	72.14	78.71	+0.62	2.95
-do- Acc	82.02	87.23	+0.70	2.95
Gold General	131.30	141.20	+10.00	0.66
-do- Acc	133.00	143.10	+10.10	0.66
Pacific	92.18	98.33	+2.48	0.85
-do- Acc	97.40	103.90	+2.60	0.85
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	56.28	60.19	+0.45	2.93
-do- Acc	57.14	61.11	+0.45	2.93
British Dist	75.49	80.74	+0.90	2.06
-do- Acc	85.46	91.40	+1.02	2.06
European Gth	163.50	174.80†	+4.00	0.50
-do- Acc	205.40	219.60	+5.00	0.50
Extra High Inc	67.90	72.62	+0.30	6.13
-do- Acc	119.40	127.70	+0.50	6.13
FT-SE 100 Index	47.69	51.00	+0.63	2.74
-do- Acc	47.69	51.00	+0.63	2.74
Gilt Fixed Int	55.57	57.86	+0.11	6.80
-do- Acc	146.20	152.20	+0.30	6.80
High Yield	212.00	226.70†	+3.70	4.86
-do- Acc	497.60	532.20	+8.70	4.86
Income	272.80	291.80	+1.20	3.43
-do- Acc	567.20	606.60	+2.50	3.43
Japan Gth	348.80	373.00	+16.60	...
-do- Acc	368.10	393.70	+17.70	...
Mandarin Acc	96.97	103.70	+2.10	0.70
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	261.40	278.60	-4.30	...
Deposit Inc	100.10	100.10†	+0.07	4.33
Deposit Acc	122.42	122.42†	+0.08	4.33
Euro Gth Acc	268.80	287.20	+3.50	...
Europa	121.50	130.40	+1.90	...
Intl Gth	168.70	180.00†	+3.40	...
Japan Tracker	78.09	82.73†	+3.92	...
UK Equity Inc	144.60	155.70†	+0.50	4.21
-do- Acc	177.30	190.90†	+0.60	4.21
UK Ind Tracker	140.50	150.30	+1.20	3.22
US Eq Ind Trkr	185.90	197.20	-0.60	1.47
-do- Acc	196.70	208.60	-0.60	1.47
Asian Tracker	159.90	173.20†	+4.30	0.45
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	159.90	163.70	+1.10	2.63
European	59.84	61.11	+2.05	1.26
Olympiad	53.36	54.74	+0.94	0.28
Global Bond	46.34	46.86†	+0.18	6.71
Smaller Cos	65.34	68.09†	+1.27	0.96
Equity Income	90.69	93.14	+0.25	5.08
UK Growth	80.98	83.27†	+0.65	2.14
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	45.20	48.21	+0.13	1.02
Australian Acc	290.50	311.60	+10.10	...
Conscience	63.34	67.49	+1.50	1.05
-do- Acc	67.91	72.47	+1.60	1.05
European	162.50	173.30†	+5.00	1.12
-do- Acc	174.90	186.50	+5.40	1.12
Extra Income	70.93	75.69	+0.33	5.67
-do- Acc	107.60	114.80	+0.50	5.87
Far East Gth	167	178.50	+5.60	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.18	60.53	-0.09	6.41
Gold	46.94	50.47	+4.28	...
-do- Acc	50.56	54.36	+4.61	...
Income	51.61	55.05	+0.77	3.10
-do- Acc	154.70	165	+2.30	3.10
International	29.19	31.31	+0.64	1.05
-do- Acc	41.94	45	+0.93	1.05
Jap Sm Cos Acc	350.70	374	+21.30	...
S'pore Mly Acc	182.90	196.10	+2.80	...
Smllr Cos Acc	25.36	27.26	+0.66	2.02
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	66.43	70.68	+0.71	2.79
N&P Glt Fxd Int	73.35	77.62	+0.94	6.68
N&P Higher Inc	192.20	204.50	+0.40	4.55
N&P UK Income	98.00	104.26†	+0.80	3.95

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N&P Intl	85.22	90.66†	+2.24	1.60
N&P Smaller Cos	74.64	79.41	-1.03	1.50
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	159.42	169.60†	+1.97	2.33
Global	276.66	294.32†	+2.75	1.14
Growth	105.60	112.35†	+1.30	2.55
Income	195.67	208.38†	+1.72	4.40
Intl Bond	122.70	130.30†	-0.63	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	134.10	141.10†	+1.30	2.59
-do- Acc	237.60	250.10	+2.30	2.59
Income	213.30	226.90†	+1.50	3.64
Intl Equity	217.90	231.70	+4.10	0.89
-do- Acc	238.50	253.70	+4.60	0.89
Equity	213.20	226.70	+1.70	2.45
-do- Acc	432.10	459.70	+3.60	2.45
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.78	72.11	+0.68	1.95
UK Income	59.24	63.02	+0.32	3.16
UK Smllr Co Acc	72.24	76.84	+0.46	1.48
New Europe Acc	58.72	62.46	+0.68	1.53
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	91.67	98.08	+1.48	0.12
PEP Gth Inc	99.10	105.99	+1.94	1.21
Intl Gth	478.16	511.41	+13.62	0.74
Income	293.06	313.41†	+4.16	3.43
W'wide Recov	303.72	324.84	+6.90	0.34
American Gth	199.37	213.23	-2.88	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	192.06	194.72	+2.34	0.10
Far East Gth	218.22	233.40	+6.94	0.09
European Gth	109.95	117.60	+2.72	1.22
UK Growth	74.67	79.87	+0.88	3.00
High Income	81.27	86.92	+0.51	4.53
Japanese Gth	222.07	235.96	+10.48	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	172.80	183.80	+5.50	0.86
High Income	106.30	113.10†	+0.90	3.77
Conv Gilt	110.50	117.60†	+4.20	6.30
Far East	307.90	327.60	+6.00	0.27
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	48.91	52.03	+0.57	0.21
Emerging Mkts	61.83	65.78	+2.54	0.60
General	46.60	49.57	-0.59	3.24
International	82.47	87.73†	+0.82	1.37
Gilt Units	24.88	25.65†	-0.01	7.51
Global PEP	34.43	36.63†	-0.49	2.12
Income Gth	63.53	67.59†	-0.76	4.85
European	41.33	43.97	+0.77	0.69
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.52	27.15	-0.01	5.76
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Priceback: 0426 925991				
Pru Mngd Tst	30.81	32.95	+0.44	1.77
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.02	101.02†	+0.08	5.15
-do- Acc	105.14	105.14†	+0.08	5.15
Pru Equity	642.65	687.32†	+7.85	2.46
Pru Equity Inc	76.94	82.25†	+0.26	4.67
Pru European	167.67	179.32†	+3.62	1.44
Pru Global Gth	78.20	83.63	+1.54	1.54
Pru High Inc	83.88	89.71†	-0.23	5.72
Pru Intl	159.36	170.43	+3.46	1.00
Pru Intl Sm Co	68.28	73.02	+1.94	0.65
Pru Japanese	203.58	217.75†	+7.91	...
Pru Nth Amer	136.80	146.31	+1.30	0.48
Pru Pacific Mkt	75.75	81.01	+1.60	1.74
Pru Premr Inc	48.47	50.47†	+0.10	7.58
Pru Smllr Cos	81.06	86.69†	+0.05	2.00
Pru Spec Sits	96.57	103.28	+1.20	2.34
Pru UK Grwth	107.57	115.04†	+1.32	2.35
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	148.50	160.02†	-0.10	3.67
NC Japan	279.35	299.34	+11.92	...
NC Maj UK Cos	90.91	97.69	+1.00	2.53
NC America Inc	462.21	495.52	+5.04	0.77
-do- Acc	536.85	575.54	+5.85	0.77
NC Smlr UK Cos	261.28	284.75	+1.91	1.53
NC European	247.35	263.94	+6.74	1.41
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	69.17	73.59†	+0.31	3.83
Capital Units	142.10	151.10	+2.30	1.30
Commodity	107.50	114.30	+4.20	1.14
European Gth	148.80	158.20	+3.50	1.35
Financial Sec	166.60	177.20†	+0.90	1.90
High Return	210.50	223.90	+0.90	4.47
High Yield	201.40	214.20	+1.20	4.08
Income Units	106.40	113.10	+0.40	5.06
Investment	171.60	182.50†	+2.30	1.13
Japan Gth	158.00	168.00	+7.30	...
Japan Smaller	196.80	209.30†	+11.40	...
Masterfund	46.03	48.96	-0.91	1.30
Scotbits	243.80	259.30	+0.50	1.62
Scotshares	250.60	266.50†	+4.30	2.31
Scotyields	218.80	232.70	+1.60	3.98
Select Intl	127.20	135.30†	+2.50	0.73
Smaller Cos	225.10	239.40	+0.40	4.02
Special Situation	109.40	116.30	+2.10	0.83
UK Equity	220.60	234.60	+1.80	2.71
US Growth	134.10	142.60	+0.80	0.40
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	228.33	243.55†	-1.68	0.51
-do- Acc	247.35	263.84	-1.82	0.51
Australian	128.14	136.94	+2.70	0.79
-do- Acc	148.29	158.17	+3.18	0.79
UK Enterprise	205.36	219.05	+2.38	2.41
-do- Acc	237.23	253.04	+2.74	2.41
European Gth	59.16	62.93	+1.27	1.40
-do- Acc	61.25	65.15	+1.32	1.40
Euro Smllr Cos	54.92	58.50†	+0.97	0.38
-do- Acc	55.30	58.90	+0.98	0.38
Far Eastern Gth	70.67	75.38	+1.45	...
-do- Acc	71.82	76.60	+1.47	...
Fixed Interest	52.19	55.03	+0.32	6.80
-do- Acc	63.38	66.82	+0.38	6.80
Gilt Income	100.83	106.36	-0.15	7.55
-do- Acc	140.83	148.40	-0.21	7.55
Income	305.85	326.34	-1.29	4.04
-do- Acc	902.17	962.32	-3.80	4.04
Japan Enterprise	70.40	75.09†	+3.10	...
-do- Acc	70.40	75.09	+3.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	497.67	530.18	+28.90	...
-do- Acc	488.65	521.22	+28.95	...
Pacific Gth	91.37	97.46	-0.79	0.21
-do- Acc	94.08	100.35	-0.81	0.21
Smaller Cos	188.97	201.56	+0.72	0.92
-do- Acc	216.56	231.00	+0.82	0.92
Tokyo	108.46	115.69	+3.09	...
-do- Acc	109.56	116.86	+3.06	...
UK Equity	204.09	217.69	+1.26	2.70
-do- Acc	377.95	403.14	+2.33	2.70
US Smllr Cos	129.78	138.43†	-0.03	...
-do- Acc	129.78	138.43	-0.03	...
World Fd	68.86	73.45	-0.65	1.60
-do- Acc	72.60	77.44	+0.68	1.60
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	45.69	48.66	+0.61	4.43
Equity Strategy	63.99	68.15	-0.18	1.13
European Opps	70.13	74.69	+1.88	3.22

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Maximum Inc	95.99	101.55	+0.11	5.46
UK Smaller Cos	51.59	54.44	+0.32	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	338.30	361.20	+2.90	2.79
American	235.90	250.40	...	0.92
Pacific	333.90	357.10	-10.10	0.61
European	439.80	470.40	-11.00	1.24
Worldwide	78.56	84.02	+0.95	1.12
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	296.60	315.60	+2.00	2.62
UK Sm Cos Eqty	206.10	219.30	+1.20	1.65
European	322.90	343.60†	+8.70	1.88
North American	243.90	259.10†	+1.10	0.51
Income Plus Inc	64.06	68.15	-0.44	2.66
UK Spec Sits	65.80	70.00	-0.14	2.44
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.04	26.80†	-0.54	2.87
Intl Growth Acc	28.83	30.86†	+0.77	1.12
Global Inc Acc	30.23	32.35	+0.25	3.27
Market Ldrs Acc	25.57	27.37	+0.27	2.94
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	195.90	..	+2.44	...
Global Bond	195.16	...	-0.24	7.50
Japan Samurai	191.93	...	+3.61	...
UK Growth	195.64	...	+0.74	4.13
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	43.45	46.17	+0.67	1.68
Equity Gth Acc	58.46	62.12	+0.38	1.74
UK Eq General	41.19	43.77	+0.56	2.31
-do- Acc	54.45	57.86	+0.73	2.31
European Acc	40.14	42.65	+0.77	1.13
Far East Acc	55.46	58.93	+1.78	0.10
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.81	31.53†	+0.15	6.74
N American Acc	41.81	44.43	+0.35	0.78
Ors Lgr Cos Acc	274.10	297.50	+7.40	1.48
UK Eq High Inc	34.50	36.66†	+0.11	3.94
-do- Acc	40.97	43.54	+0.13	3.94
UK Lgr Cos Inc	284.40	308.60	+4.40	3.85
UK Lgr Cos Acc	370.30	401.80	+5.80	3.85
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.64	NZ$3.87	+0.06	1.20
US Eq	$2.114	$2.244	+0.06	0.80
Far East Eq	Y247.0	Y262.3	+3.50	...
Japan Eq	Y248.9	Y264.3	+3.70	...
FT Europe	109.50	116.20	+0.30	2.19
FT North Am	$1.727	$1.830	-0.04	1.09
FT Japan	Y253.4	Y269.2	+16.80	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.932	$2.052	+0.05	1.69
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	328.30	349.40	+2.30	0.32
British	918.00	971.30	+5.10	4.25
European	388.30	413.00	+7.80	1.42
Japan	148.10	157.30	+6.10	...
New Pacific	291.00	309.90	+2.00	1.29
Mngd Cash	95.91	95.91	+0.06	5.00
Majority Stg	100.10	101.10	+0.07	4.76
Inv Tst	184.60	195.70	+2.30	1.83
Saints PPP	360.80	379.80	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	709.40	758.70	+7.60	3.13
N America Acc	112.30	120.00	+1.60	0.07
Far East Acc	122.10	130.60	+1.60	...
W'wide Bond	59.21	62.86†	+0.26	5.39
European	81.89	87.58	+1.87	0.39
Equity Income	80.64	86.25	+0.60	4.05
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.29	35.61	..	0.63
Managed Assets	116.47	124.57	+0.96	3.28
UK Income	35.99	38.50	+0.34	3.08
UK Growth	35.53	38.01	+0.31	2.34
Worldwide Gth	30.41	32.53†	+0.42	0.38
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	199.25	211.97	+1.03	0.14
-do- Acc	218.85	232.82	+1.14	0.14
British Gth	84.02	89.38	+1.25	1.87
-do- Acc	98.85	105.16	+1.46	1.87
European	94.14	100.15	+0.17	0.96
-do- Acc	99.29	105.63	+0.17	0.86
Extra Inc	182.64	194.30	+0.83	3.87
-do- Acc	291.35	309.95	+1.31	3.87
General Unit	259.37	275.93	+6.00	2.47
-do- Acc	511.79	544.46	+11.83	2.47
Income	311.53	331.41†	-5.34	3.59
-do- Acc	647.38	688.70†	+2.80	3.59
International	480.95	511.65†	+13.71	0.44
-do- Acc	629.57	669.76†	+17.94	0.44
Pacific	342.35	364.20	+10.53	..
-do- Acc	358.33	381.42	+11.02	...
Premier Income	49.95	52.03†	+0.10	6.18
-do- Acc	104.13	108.47†	+0.20	6.18
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
European Opps	59.10	62.95	+1.45	0.47
-do- Acc	59.71	63.61	+1.46	0.47
Far East Opps	152.34	162.49	+3.57	...
-do- Acc	155.88	166.27	+3.66	...
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	18.00	19.14	+0.86	0.50
Pacific Basin	31.27	33.27	+0.90	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.71	37.98	+0.58	...
Global Bond	$0.977	$1.018	+0.00	7.26
Penny Share	23.59	25.09	+0.28	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.76	52.76	+0.04	5.40
Gilt Growth	65.58	68.24	+0.11	...
Gilt Income	51.59	53.69	+0.10	7.75
Short Drd Gilt	106.40	107.80	+0.20	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.713	$0.723	0.00	...
Challenger	89.01	91.08	+0.11	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	66.60	70.85	+0.66	2.10

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	8,500	Carlton Cms	579	Land Secs	1,300	Scot Hydro	987
Abbey Natl	2,500	Coats Viyella	987	Legal & Gn	1,000	Scot & New	470
Alld-Lyons	510	Cm Union	652	Lloyds Bk	1,700	Scot Power	1,500
Anglian W	513	Courtaulds	946	MB Cardn	1,300	Sears	2,000
Argyll Gp	5,000	De La Rue	1,800	Marks Spr	1,800	Svrn Trent	347
Arjo Wiggn	3,200	Eng China	1,400	NFC	1,100	Shell Trans	1,400
AB Foods	589	Enterpr Oil	679	NatWst Bk	2,100	Siebe	1,400
BAA	521	Fisons	480	Nat Power	5,200	SmKl Bch	2,300
BAT Inds	3,600	Forte	4,800	Nth Wst W	708	Smith Nph	2,800
BOC	877	GRE	587	Nthrn Fds	1,300	Sthrn Elec	921
BP	7,000	GUS A	151	P & O	617	Std Chartd	783
BT	9,400	Gen Acc	211	Pearson	764	Sun Allnce	939
BTR	1,200	Gen Elec	3,300	PowerGen	1,400	TI Gp	874
Bk of Scot	1,100	Glaxo	4,000	Prudential	2,800	TSB	690
Barclays	2,000	Granada	764	RTZ	1,700	Tate & Lyle	2,900
Bass	2,300	Grand Met	2,300	Rank Org	381	Tesco	6,100
Blue Circle	1,500	Guinness	5,900	Reckitt Col	1,100	Thames W	1,000
Boots	1,200	HSBC	2,300	Redland	1,200	Thrn EMI	753
Bowater	1,000	Hanson	5,000	Reed Intl	328	Tomkins	1,900
Brit Airwys	5,300	ICI	2,300	Rentokil	1,300	Unilever	1,900
Brit Gas	3,900	Inchcape	746	Reuters	761	Utd Bisc	1,400
Brit Steel	2,700	Kingfisher	3,200	Rothmans	655	Vodafone	2,100
Burmah Cast	495	Kwik Save	353	Ryl Ins	1,700	Wellcome	1,500
Cable Wire	1,400	LASMO	1,200	Ryl Bk Scot	2,000	Whitbd 'A'	605
Cadbury	2,500	Ladbroke	5,100	Sainsbury	1,000	Wlms Hld	872

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3526.60 (-28.23)
S&P Composite 449.37 (-3.05)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20843.69 (-8.94)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7397.91 (-49.33)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 105.2 (-1.3)

Sydney: AO 1760.4 (+11.3)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1631.85 (-2.62)

FT 30 share: 2205.1 (-8.7)

Brussels:
General 6113.82 (+8.30)

Paris: CAC 519.09 (-0.82)

Zurich: SKA Gen 500.8 (-4.3)

London:
FT A All-Share 1403.02 (-6.15)
FT 500 1526.36 (-4.20)
FT Gold Mines 198.4 (+1.3)
FT Fixed Interest 111.49 (-0.05)
FT Govt Secs 94.58 (-0.50)
Bargains 28650
SEAQ Volume 577.3m
USM (Datastrm) 137.96 (same)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 17	May 28	August 12	August 23

Call options were taken out on 28/5/93: Arcon, Avesco, Chloride, Cluff Resources, Greenwich Resources, Harrisons, Mid-States, Millwall Holdings, SW Wood.
Puts: ASDA, Western Mining.
Puts & Calls: Arcon, Cannon Street Inv, Regalian.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2860.0	2862.0	2836.0	2845.0	7501
Previous open interest: 49973	Sep 93	2884.0	2884.0	2863.5	2867.0	270
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	94.03	94.07	93.97	94.04	7013
Previous open interest: 319448	Sep 93	94.13	94.15	94.04	94.12	26946
	Dec 93	94.05	94.08	94.00	94.06	5023
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.62	96.64	96.61	96.63	304
Previous open interest: 18739	Sep 93	96.40	96.45	96.40	96.41	212
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.66	92.66	92.52	92.52	37675
Previous open interest: 592286	Sep 93	93.46	93.46	93.21	93.24	83133
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				110-29	0
Previous open interest: 0	Sep 93				109-21	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	104-21	104-26	103-20	103-26	34048
Previous open interest: 75107	Sep 93	103-28	104-00	102-20	102-27	29329
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	107.90	108.00	107.90	107.99	24
	Sep 93	106.98	107.10	106.92	107.04	1123
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	94.52	94.65	93.98	94.12	110613
Previous open interest: 170902	Sep 93	94.79	94.86	94.29	94.41	21217
Three month ECU	Jun 93	92.46	92.46	92.32	92.35	942
Previous open interest: 26443	Sep 93	93.15	93.17	93.00	93.07	1786
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	94.97	94.97	94.88	94.89	1723
Previous open interest: 41217	Sep 93	95.38	95.38	95.18	95.23	5971
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	99.35	99.35	98.87	99.18	17153
Previous open interest: 41888	Sep 93	99.15	99.15	98.75	99.07	8154

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.4 (day's range 80.4-80.5).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 28	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7769-2.8084	2.7769-2.7803	⅛-¼ds	⅜-½ds
Brussels	50.84-51.29	50.84-50.94	3-7ds	10-18ds
Copenhagen	9.4830-9.5670	9.4830-9.5050	2-3⅛ds	5¾-7⅛ds
Dublin	1.0211-1.0260	1.0239-1.0260	11-17ds	33-43ds
Frankfurt	2.4757-2.4964	2.4757-2.4789	⅜-½ds	1-1⅛ds
Lisbon	237.58-240.40	237.58-238.06	152-195ds	428-520ds
Madrid	196.54-198.56	196.85-197.14	97-115ds	250-285ds
Milan	2283.00-2313.50	2283.00-2289.20	9-11ds	28-31ds
Montreal	1.9696-1.9855	1.9833-1.9855	0.24-0.14pr	0.44-0.30pr
New York	1.5563-1.5615	1.5605-1.5615	0.36-0.35pr	1.01-0.98pr
Oslo	10.5270-10.5950	10.5270-10.5500	⅜-2ds	3⅛-5ds
Paris	8.3650-8.4250	8.3650-8.3720	1⅜-1⅝ds	3½-4⅛ds
Stockholm	11.1870-11.3140	11.1870-11.2110	2-3⅛ds	6⅛-8ds
Tokyo	166.60-167.52	167.33-167.52	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.39-17.59	17.39-17.45	1⅜-2ds	4⅛-6ds
Zurich	2.2127-2.2295	2.2127-2.2158	⅛pr-par	⅛-⅛pr

Source: Extel — Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5594-1.5620
Australia dollar	2.2672-2.2720
Bahrain dinar	0.5805-0.5925
Brazil cruzeiro *	65093.7-65106.1
Cyprus pound	0.734-0.744
Finland markka	8.3945-8.5105
Greece drachma	334.5-341.5
Hong Kong dollar	12.0556-12.0649
India rupee	48.44-49.40
Kuwait dinar KD	0.463-0.473
Malaysia ringgit	3.9905-3.9947
Mexico peso	4.8-4.9
New Zealand dollar	2.8663-2.8719
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.767-5.893
Singapore dollar	2.5088-2.5120
S Africa rand (fin)	7.1535-7.2049
S Africa rand (com)	4.9490-4.9569
U A E dirham	5.6505-5.7745

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4513-1.4556
Austria	11.19-11.20
Belgium (Com)	32.69-32.71
Canada	1.2675-1.2705
Denmark	6.0970-6.1020
France	5.3734-5.3755
Germany	1.5923-1.5928
Hong Kong	7.7230-7.7240
Ireland	1.5309-1.5319
Italy	1466.5-1467.5
Japan	107.30-107.40
Malaysia	2.5564-2.5574
Netherlands	1.7875-1.7885
Norway	6.7610-6.7630
Portugal	152.75-153.25
Singapore	1.6072-1.6082
Spain	125.95-126.15
Sweden	7.1864-7.1964
Switzerland	1.4230-1.4240

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5 Low 4 Week fixed: 5¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¼; 3 mth 5¼. Sell: 2 mth 5⅛, 3 mth 5⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5¾-5⅝	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank:	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¾	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆	6-5¾	6⅛-6
	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¾	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	6-5¾	6⅛-6

Overnight: open 5¾, close 5.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅞	n/a	5¹³⁄₁₆	5¾	6
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞
Dollar CDs:	3.09	n/a	3.21	3.39	3.68
Building Society CDs:	5⁷⁄₁₆-5⁵⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¾	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	6⅛-6

TREASURY BILLS: Applicts: £459m allotted: £100m: Bids: £98.69% received: 99%: Last week: £98.67% received: 9%: Avge rate: £5.2534% last wk £5.3346%: Next week: £100m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅜-3¼	3¼-3
Deutschemark:	8¼-7⅝	8-7⅞	7⅞-7¾	7½-7¼	8¼-7⅞
French Franc:	8½-7⅞	8-7⅞	7⅝-7½	7⅜-7¼	8½-7¾
Swiss Franc:	5¼-4¾	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-5	5-4¾	5¼-4⅞
Yen:	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3¼-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $377.20-377.70 Close: $378.70-379.20 High: $383.00-383.50 Low: $357.50-376.00 Krugerrand: $378.00-380.00 (£241.00-243.00)
Sovereigns: Old $90.00-93.00 (£55.50-57.50) New $90.00-93.00 (£55.50-57.50)
Platinum: $396.75 (£254.55) Silver: $4.65 (£2.97) Palladium: $122.50 (£78.60)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	500	39½	53½	61½	9½	17	24
(*521½)	550	13½	27	35½	35	42½	49
Argyll	330	22	31	36	15	18½	24½
(*343½)	360	7	17	22½	33	36	40½
ASDA	67	6½	9½	-	3½	6	-
(*70)	76	3	6	-	8½	11	-
Boots	420	33	46	50	10	17	22
(*428)	460	11	25	31	30	37	42
Br Airways	287	31	42½	46½	5	11½	16
(*309½)	316	14	25½	31	17	23	29
BP	300	20½	28	35	9½	16½	21
(*307½)	330	7	15½	20	26½	33	37
Br Steel	90	12½	14	17	5½	7	8½
(*96½)	100	7	9	13	9	12	13
C & W	700	51	65½	77½	17	27	36
(*732½)	750	21	38½	51½	43½	53	61½
CU	532	48	52	-	6½	18	-
(*568½)	580	18	27	-	26	42	-
Courtauld	500	40½	53	61½	11½	19½	27
(*536½)	550	12½	27½	36½	37½	46	52½
ICI	1250	48½	68	92	52½	86½	97
(*1239)	1300	28½	48½	71	87	117	128
Kingfishr	535	55	67	-	6	15	-
(*577)	584	23	38	-	23	35	-
Land Sec	550	22	34	42	16	23	28
(*552)	600	5	13	20	54	55	58
M & S	330	14	24	30½	12	18	22½
(*331)	360	4½	12	17½	33½	36½	39
Nat West	460	26	35	46	16	28	33
(*463)	500	9	18	29	42	52	57
Sainsbury	460	37½	51	59½	9	18½	22½
(*484)	500	14	29	38	28	35	42
Shell	600	26	30	45½	13½	20	31
(*605)	650	7	14½	24	46	56½	60
Smkl Bch	460	34	49	60½	15	26½	34½
(*479)	500	15	29½	41	36½	48	55½
Storehse	200	16	23	26	8	13	17
(*207)	220	7	15	18	20	24	28
Trafalgar	101	10	14	-	5	5	-
(*105)	110	6	10	13	9½	13	16
Unilever	1000	48	73½	87	18	30	37½
(*1015)	1050	21½	45½	60½	45½	56½	64½
	Series	Jul	Oct	Feb	Jul	Oct	Feb
Grnd Met	360	45	50½	58	5	10½	17
(*391)	390	21	31½	39½	16	22	30½
Ladbroke	180	10	17½	23	14	22½	25½
(*176)	200	4½	9½	15½	28½	36	38½
Utd Bisc	390	31	44	52½	15½	22½	32
(*398½)	420	22	30	39	32	37½	48

	Series	Calls Aug	Nov	Jan	Puts Aug	Nov	Jan
BAA	750	32	51	56	24	36	42½
(*761)	800	12	28	33½	60	65½	71
Thames W	500	16½	26	29	24	32	35
(*504)	550	3	9	12½	64	67½	68½
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	425	25	32	41	17	28	31
(*429½)	450	14	22	30	30	44	47
BTR	600	27½	40½	49½	17½	28½	33½
(*600)	650	6	19½	26½	50½	60	63
Br Aero	300	54½	67	78½	11½	23	30½
(*338)	330	35½	49½	62½	24½	36	45
Br Telecm	420	21	28	32	14	24	30
(*422)	460	6	12½	17	39	50	55
Cadbury	420	34	44	53	10	18	22
(*440½)	460	13	24	33	30	38	42
Guinness	460	28½	43	53½	18	28	33
(*465)	500	12	24½	34	43½	51½	56
GEC	300	25	29½	33	8	12	15
(*317½)	330	7½	14½	18½	24½	28½	30½
Hanson	220	17	21	24½	5	9	13
(*228½)	240	6	11½	15	15	20	22½
LASMO	140	22½	28	33	7½	13	16
(*153)	160	11	18½	23	17½	22	26
Lucas	130	13	17½	19½	9½	17	17½
(*131)	140	8½	13	15½	16	24	26
Pilkngtn	130	11	16	18	9	13	16
(*133)	140	5½	11½	13	15	19	21
Prudential	300	31	37	44	5	11	14
(*323½)	330	12	20	26	17	25	28
Redland	460	45½	58	63½	13	29	33½
(*454½)	500	24	37½	44	32	49½	53½
Royal Ins	260	25	33	40	7½	14	18
(*283)	288	14	22	29	16	24	27
Tesco	200	29	35	39	4	9	12
(*222)	220	15	22	27	10½	18	19
Vodafone	420	28½	44	51½	17	26	30
(*428½)	460	11½	25½	33½	41	48	52
Williams	330	9	16	23	26½	35½	38
(*309)	360	3	7½	13½	52	57½	59½

FT-SE INDEX (*2839)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Jun	151	105	61	29	14	4½
Jul	169	123	88	57	35	18
Aug	182	146	111	80	57	40
Sep	198	160	130	101	77	57
Dec	243	-	179	-	125	-
Puts						
Jun	6½	11	19	42	78	121
Jul	16	23	38	61	89	130
Aug	29	41	57	78	106	141
Sep	39	52	69	91	119	151
Dec	68	-	101	-	149	-

	Series	Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	390	24	35	45	4	14	19
(*409)	420	5½	19	29	17	29	34
Amstrad	30	3	5½	7	1½	3½	4½
(*31)	35	1	3½	5	4½	6	7
Barclays	420	42	54	62	2	11	17
(*457)	460	12	28	40	12	27	35
Blue Circ	240	16½	27½	32½	3½	11	17½
(*251)	260	5	16½	22½	13	21	28
Br Gas	280	15	24	28	3½	7½	14
(*290½)	300	4	12½	17½	12	17½	24½
	330	1	4	7½	40½	40½	45½
Dixons	200	16	24	32	3½	13	18
(*213½)	220	6	15	23	13	25	29
Forte	180	15½	24	26½	3	9	15
(*193)	200	4	14	19½	12½	19½	26
Glaxo	600	25	55½	66	15½	36	58
(*608½)	650	7	33	45	49	66	88
	700	1½	18	29	96½	104	123
HSBC	600	41	65	84	8	27	41
(*630)	650	10	40	53	29	49	64
Hillsdwn	140	12½	19	24	2½	7½	12½
(*148½)	160	2½	9	14½	13½	18½	23½
Lonrho	110	11	16½	21	3	8½	12
(*117)	120	5½	11½	16	7½	14½	18
Reuter	1350	27	79	122	29½	71½	93
(*1346)	1400	9	57½	98	64½	101	120
R-Royce	140	9½	16½	21	4½	9	15½
(*145)	160	2	8	12½	17½	21½	27
Sears	90	10	13	15	1½	3½	5½
(*99)	100	4	7	9½	3	6	9½
Tarmac	130	5½	13	16½	5½	11	16
(*130½)	140	2½	8½	12½	12½	17	22½
Thrn Emi	850	36	53½	68	6½	36	46
(*873½)	900	8	26½	45	32½	65	73½
Tomkins	220	12½	19	27	3	11	14½
(*228)	240	3	9	18	14½	23	26½
TSB	180	7½	15	19	4½	13	15
(*182½)	200	2	7	11	19	25	27
Wellcome	750	39½	71½	95	16	37	60
(*770½)	800	15	47½	68	43	62½	87
	Series	Jul	Oct	Dec	Jul	Oct	Dec
Fisons	160	17	24½	27½	9½	17	20½
(*163)	180	8½	16	18	22½	29	32
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastrn Elc	460	23	31½	38	22½	30	35½
(*463)	500	7	16	22	51½	56	60½
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	330	23	33½	43	2	9½	13½
(*352)	360	5	17	26	15½	22½	27
Scot Pwr	310	15	21½	26	2½	11	15½
(*321)	330	3½	10	16½	12	23½	26½

May 28, 1993 Tot: 12218 Call: 7412 Put: 4806 FT-SE Call: 2934 Put: 3479
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: The East African coffee producers indicated today that they would be interested in joining ranks with the Latin American Producers Alliance. While this move has largely been expected, it increases the influence of this emerging cartel. It will however be difficult for the producers to raise prices significantly in the short term because consumers hold large inventories.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

May	unq	Jul	750-748
Jul	663-662	Sep	764-763
Sep	680-678	Dec	786-784
Dec	701-699	Mar	809-806
Mar	719 BID		
May	734 BID		Volume: 2044

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	unq	Jan	944 SLR
Jul	924-922	Mar	unq
Sep	932-930	May	unq
Nov	938-936		Volume: 1242

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	283.0-82.5
Spot: 272.5		May	288.3-86.5
Aug	278.0-77.5	Aug	296.0-93.5
Oct	277.5-77.0	Oct	290.5-88.0
Dec	281.0-79.0		Volume: 1408

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 28

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	89.75	129.62	143.53
(+/-)	+0.13	-11.78	+2.28
Eng/Wales:	89.75	129.31	143.11
(+/-)	+0.13	-12.05	+1.95
(%)	-40.5	-20.6	-29.8
Scotland:	n/a	133.85	144.78
(+/-)	n/a	-8.37	+3.21
(%)	n/a	+31.1	-20.5

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (Aug)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	112.0	112.5	Oct	unq	unq
Jul	105.0	105.5		Volume: 21	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jun	140.10
Sep	107.45
Nov	109.05
Jan	111.80
Mar	114.35
	Volume: 159

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	105.85
Nov	108.65
Jan	110.70
Mar	112.75
May	114.00
	Volume: 5

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Jun	144.00
Aug	141.80
Oct	145.30
Dec	147.80
Feb	unq
	Volume: 20

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	67.5
Apr	99.5	99.2
May	106.0	106.6
	Volume: 19	

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Jul 59.00-59.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): In a week that saw most of the wet North Sea put to bed, crude notched up some fifty cents.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.50	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.60	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.70	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.15	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	20.30	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	209 (n/c)	211 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	172 (+1)	172 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jun	172 (+1)	173 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jul	173 (+2)	175 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	66 (n/c)	67 (-1)
Naphtha	182 (n/c)	184 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Jun	171.50-71.75	Sep	176.75-77.25
Jul	173.00-73.25	Oct	180.00-80.25
Aug	175.00 SLR	Nov	182.00 BID
			Vol: 10202

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.69-18.70	Oct	18.94-18.96
Aug	18.78-18.80	Nov	18.98-19.02
Sep	18.88 SLR		Vol: 25142

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jun	197.50-98.50	Sep	n/a
Jul	197.50-99.50	Oct	n/a
Aug	196.50-98.50		Vol: 299

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 93	1470	1450	1455
Jul 93	1340	1330	1340
Oct 93	1408	1395	1408
Jan 94	1430	1430	1438

Vol: 137 lots. Open int'st: 3595 Index 1623 -5

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3 mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1150.5-1151.0	1166.0-1167.0	1350500
Lead (£/tonne)	259.00-259.50	268.50-269.00	98825
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	946.00-947.00	966.00-967.00	879850
Tin ($/tonne)	5337.0-5343.0	5395.0-5400.0	9310
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1120.5-1121.0	1143.0-1143.5	725175
Nickel ($/tonne)	5630.0-5635.0	5690.0-5695.0	18078

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SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq Edinburgh

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MONEY MARKETS

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

MONEY RATES

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS

Modest gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 24. Dealings end June 4. §Contango day June 7. Settlement day June 14. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Midstates	Industrial	
2	Westbury	Building,Rds	
3	Clayton Son	Industrial	
4	Volex	Electrical	
5	Quarto	Paper,Print	
6	Close Bros	Banks,Disc	
7	Chillington	Industrial	
8	Garton Eng	Industrial	
9	Sheffield Insl	Building,Rds	
10	Stand Chart	Banks,Disc	
11	GM Kalgoorli	Mining	
12	Wessex Water	Water	
13	St Helena	Mining	
14	Reed Executive	Business Serv	
15	Randfontein	Mining	
16	Goal Pet	Oils, Gas	
17	De La Rue	Industrial	
18	Dobson Park	Industrial	
19	Kelt Energy	Oils, Gas	
20	BTP	Chems,Plas	
21	Canning (W)	Chems,Plas	
22	Cook (Wm)	Industrial	
23	Scholl	Industrial	
24	National Powr	Electricity	
25	EIS	Industrial	
26	Critchley	Electrical	
27	Hewitt (J)	Industrial	
28	Euromoney Pb	Newspapr,Pub	
29	Argyll	Foods	
30	Ulster TV	Leisure	
31	Nth Brkn Hill	Mining	
32	Chesterfield	Property	
33	Security Serv	Industrial	
34	Wood (SW)	Paper,Print	
35	Wld Of Leather	Drapery,Strs	
36	McKechnie	Industrial	
37	Burmah Castrl	Oils, Gas	
38	Castings	Industrial	
39	Brake Bros	Foods	
40	Manpower	Business Serv	
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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
418	345	Abbey Ntl	410	-1	11.5	3.5	15.8
255	179	Allied Irish	247	+1	...	4.6	12.6
176	130	Ans New Z	166	...	...	5.5	...
3806¼	2793¼	Bankamerica	2875↑	-50	...	...	...
250	188	Bk of Ireland	236↑	...	...	5.7	∞
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
147½	116½	Bank Scotland	139	-3	4.5	4.1	27.7
470	362	Barclays	458	-1	15.1	4.1	∞
3¼	2	Benchmark	2¾	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19½	15½	Carlisle	15½	...	...	...	...
490	395	Cater Allen	485	...	26.0	6.7	...
126	85	Cattles	126	...	...	4.2	16.8
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	1975↑	-59½	...	...	...
2043¾	1343¾	Citicorp	1812½	-43¾	...	...	...
369	250	Close Bros	369	+4	...	3.3	16.4
£125¼	9275	Commerzbk	£115¼	+137½	...	3.4	...
£304¼	£250¼	Deutsche Bk	£272	+184½	...	2.4	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	73	-2	...	...	...
1349	876	Fuji Bank Y	1349	+81	...	0.4	∞
466	343	Gerrard Nat	431	...	21.5	6.5	∞
654	490	HSBC	630	-4	19.0	3.8	15.1
634	474	HSBC HK	619	-6	19.0	3.8	14.8
356	243	Hambros	342	-1	13.8	5.0	15.2
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
155	96	King Shaxson	134↑	-1	9.0	8.4	...
420	312	Kleinwort Ben	419	...	16.0	4.8	14.5
573	492	Lloyds	534	-1	18.4	4.3	15.3
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	83	...	3.0	4.5	10.5
451½	322	Nat Aust Bk	443	-8½	...	4.7	15.1
489	398	Nat West	464	-6	17.5	4.7	28.2
362	270	Provident	341	...	11.4	4.2	14.8
47	39	Rea Bros	42	...	0.5	1.5	44.6
298	207	Ryl Bk Scot	286	...	8.8	3.8	...
987½	467½	Schroders	950	...	...	1.4	18.9
758	576	Stand Chart	732	+5	20.0	3.4	...
195	145½	TSB	182½	-2½	6.4	4.4	...
140	78	Union Disc	134	...	...	...	...
736	529	Warburg SG	734	+17	...	3.3	18.8
245½	185	-do- 6% 'A'	245	+6½	...	3.1	...
7850	4843¾	Wells Fargo	6912½	+6¼	...	1.5	...
170	121	Westpac	168	-1	...	4.6	...
215	188	Wintrust	206	...	9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	523↑	-8	...	4.8	17.7
647	453	Bass	457↑	-3	18.9	5.2	9.9
273	199	Boddington	262	...	7.3	3.5	15.3
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	384	...	9.0	2.9	17.7
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	146	-1	4.4	3.8	10.6
307	261	Devenish (JA)	284	...	7.8	3.5	16.0
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	90	...	...	4.5	23.8
68½	51	Fosters Brewing	54	-½	...	5.0	7.5
390	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	390	-10	...	2.2	16.4
480	383	Grand Met	392	-3	12.3	4.0	12.6
427	380	Greenalls Grp	382↑	...	11.7	3.9	12.7
563	505	Greene King	556	+7	11.6	2.6	14.4
516	440	Guinness	466	-9	...	3.2	16.6
281	230	Hardy Hansn	240	...	7.9	4.1	13.3
125	105	Heavitree▲	105	-5	3.0	3.6	25.2
95	78	-do- 'A' LV▲	82	-2	3.0	4.6	19.6
299	255	Highland Dist	295	...	6.0	2.5	19.6
3125	2538	Holt J	2973	...	41.0	1.7	19.1
58	33	Hoskins Brew	56#	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invergordn Dist	282	-6	7.0	3.1	∞
186	157	Macallan-Glen	170	...	0.9	0.7	38.2
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	388	...	8.8	2.9	∞
775	655	Mansfield	775	+16	13.6	2.2	16.6
256	231	Marston Thmp	233	...	4.9	2.6	13.6
435	409	Matthew Clark	411	...	15.7	4.8	12.3
300	253	Mrrydwn W	255	+2	...	3.1	18.4
515	455	Morland	515	-15	8.4	2.0	20.4
12	6¼	Paramount▲	9	...	...	2.1	16.0
950	753	SA Breweries	840	+25	...	3.3	∞
482½	408	Scot & New	447	-5	16.1	4.5	12.2
223	181	Taunton Cider	205	-4	...	2.9	19.1
248	213	Vaux Group	220↑	-4	9.3	5.3	15.2
300	225	Wetherspoon JD	300	+5	...	2.0	24.2
507	435	Whitbread 'A'	477	-5	...	4.8	11.6
1180	850	-do- 'B'	930	...	...	2.4	23.0
613	498	Wolvrhmptn D	510↑	+1	11.4	2.8	14.3
515	475	Young 'A'	475↑	...	14.5	3.8	∞

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	105	...	...	1.3	37.9
27	13	Albrighton▲	20	+1	...	6.2	10.6
106	87	Allen▲	100	-2	3.0	4.4	15.9
99	65	Amec	86	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Anglia Sec	7	...	...	...	...
212	156	Ashstead▲	212	+7	4.1	2.4	26.3
142	108	Attwoods	114	-3	5.0	5.6	16.2
240	180	BPB Ind	228	-1	...	4.1	58.0
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	87	...	3.1	4.5	20.0
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	28	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barcom	104	...	1.2	1.5	18.9
147	94	Barratt Devs	139	...	2.0	1.8	15.5
412	305	Bellway	397	-4	...	3.8	23.0
32	15	Bellwinch	26	...	...	...	...
423	295½	Berkeley Gp	388	-15	...	1.9	26.8
78	45	Ben Bros	78	...	1.0	3.0	∞
63	36	Blockleys	61	+1	11.2	5.6	∞
265	189	Blue Circle	251	...	5.9	2.6	15.8
285	230	Bool (Henry)	282	...	4.6	6.1	22.7
106	78	Breedon PLC	94	...	5.2	5.7	23.3
121	82	Br Dredging	114	-1	1.5	2.6	...
75	45	Brit Fittings	71	-3	4.8	4.4	29.3
151	99	Bryant	137	...	2.3	...	...
81	53	CALA	80	...	...	3.4	17.5
277	205	CRH	275	+1	...	...	...
43	22	Cakebread Rby	34	...	...	...	...
39	23	Costain	35	+2	...	4.1	33.4
137½	80½	Countryside	128↑	+1	0.0	...	...
70	38	Crest Nicholson	65	...	...	...	...
94	28	Cussins	88	-1	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton▲	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmond Hldgs	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
238	178	Epwin	230	+2	6.8	3.7	19.5
50	32	Erith	50	...	0.3	0.9	...
350	252	Eve Group▲	350	...	...	3.5	12.7
58	34	Evered Bardon	56	-½	2.0	4.5	26.3
6½	4½	Explaura▲	5½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp▲	132	...	...	4.7	31.0
50	38	Galliford	42	...	4.3	...	16.9
78	60	Gibbs & Dandy	63	...	...	...	...
868	695	Gleeson (MJ)	865	...	12.7	1.8	14.0
122½	90	Hewden-Stuart	121½	-1	...	3.3	27.6
51	28	Hewetson	49	...	2.6	...	48.8
281	186	Heywd Wlm	280	...	12.5	5.6	...
85	37	Higgs & Hill	84	...	2.5	3.7	...
35	27	How Gp	27	...	1.5	6.9	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	39	Ibstock Johnsen	64	-4	1.0	2.0	...
18½	12½	Jarvis	16½↑	...	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	255	+1	9.0	4.4	10.2
83	55	Ln Clydeside▲	68	...	4.5	8.3	25.6
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	19	...	...	...	8.6
310	240	Manders	309	...	9.0	3.6	18.9
143	93	Marley	133	...	4.2	3.9	39.0
90	61	Marshalls	88	...	...	7.1	29.4
160	122	Maunders (J)	160	...	4.9	3.9	14.7
200	96	McAlpine (A)	200	...	6.5	4.1	34.6
40	33	McCarthy & S	36	...	0.5	...	...
388	272	Meyer Int	380	...	...	3.3	40.8
4	4	Miskin Gp▲	4#	...	...	...	...
120	62	Mowlem (J)	117	+1	4.0	4.3	...
78	51	NSM	55	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler▲	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
160	106	Newman Tnks	150	-1	...	6.6	30.0
300	197	Persimmon	277	-10	8.6	3.9	28.3
30	22	Phoenix Timber	30	...	...	2.4	9.3
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	...	...
146	80	Prowting	135	...	3.4	3.1	...
6½	3½	Quiligotti▲	4½	...	...	...	...
740	555	RMC Gp	735	-3	...	3.4	28.9
117	90	Raine Ind	101	-2	6.0	7.4	10.9
36	20	Ransom▲	21	-1	...	...	...
519	402	Redland	485	-8	25.0	6.4	28.2
75	64	Rockel	70	...	4.3	7.7	10.3
280	207	Rugby Group	275	+3	6.4	2.9	21.1
42	23	Smith Bros▲	42	...	...	...	...
112	69	Sharpe & Fisher	112	...	...	4.5	19.5
195	110	Sheffield Insl	195	+7	...	4.2	31.4
100	82	Sherriff Hldgs▲	100	...	...	2.5	14.0
95	60	Shroton▲	73	...	...	8.9	16.6
228	205	Smart (J)	205	...	8.5	5.2	9.2
6½	4½	Starmin	5↑	...	0.3	7.5	∞
142	103	Tarmac	131	+1	3.5	5.2	...
194	132	Tay Homes	192	...	5.8	4.0	11.6
116	63	Taylor Woodrw	103	-2	1.0	1.2	...
550	473	Tilbury Dougls	540↑	+2	31.0	7.5	∞
25	19	Torex Hire▲	24	...	...	2.1	...
226	168	Travis Perkins	221	...	8.0	4.5	30.1
40	30	Try Group	36	...	1.0	3.2	11.0
28	25	Tudor▲	28	...	...	1.1	...
68	41	Vibroplant	60	...	3.6	7.5	11.0
65	20	Ward Hldgs	54	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	31	...	...	...	...
475	300	Watts Blake	395	...	10.7	3.4	17.0
26	8	Westcol▲	26	...	...	...	...
152	100	Westbury	145	+4	5.0	4.4	...
12	4½	West Scaffolda▲	9½	+¼	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9#	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	442	-1	8.7	2.5	30.1
205	147	Wilson (C)	182	-3	3.9	2.7	31.5
186	107	Wimpey G	169	-2	5.2	3.9	∞
47	25	YRM	45	...	4.0	...	5.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	403	ADT	560	...	...	...	∞
229	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air London▲	63	...	...	0.9	7.8
50	37	African Lakes	49	...	2.0	5.1	...
178	125	Auto Sec	169	-1	5.3	3.9	∞
110	84	BET Ord	109½	+½	...	7.4	16.0
93	41	BNB Res	93	...	4.9	0.6	...
318	258	BPP	289	...	6.0	3.5	15.9
285	235	Barbour Index	235	...	7.2	3.9	17.4
22	15	Boustead	19	...	0.7	4.6	...
240	184	Brit Data Mgt	240	+1	...	2.1	20.0
21	11	Broadcastle▲	21	...	...	...	...
73	54	Brooks Service	71	...	...	...	14.7
104	86	CRT Gp	89	...	2.4	3.4	10.2
175	139½	Capita Group	175	+2	...	1.5	27.3
42½	31	Casket Plc	42	+½	0.8	2.4	∞
55	40	Chiltern Capital	50	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	41	...	...	...	...
290	228	Chubb Sec	287	-2	...	1.2	31.7
50	18	Comtec▲	43	...	...	4.4	10.7
23	6½	Corp Services	23	+5	...	...	...
93	50	Dart	88	...	3.3	4.7	10.0
231	198	Davis Service	220	+2	...	4.5	16.6
104	85	EW Facta	92	...	4.3	5.0	10.5
23	11	Gardiner	25	...	0.6	3.3	17.3
44	20	Gardiner (DC)	36	...	...	...	...
246	221	Hays	221	-4	4.6	2.6	21.8
220	174	Hogg Robinson	182	...	6.3	4.3	13.7
70	51	Holmes Protectn	51	-3	...	...	3.3
189	127	Hutch Whamp	168	-1	...	2.5	∞
1125	9650	ISS B DKr	£124½	+9½	...	0.9	17.5
637	532	Inchcape	581	-4	...	2.9	20.2
863	669	Johnson Clean	828	+1	25.7	3.9	∞
12	2½	Lep	11½	+1½	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	230	...	2.7	1.6	18.1
1187	893	Manpower	960	+8	...	...	...
48	40½	Michael Page	48	+½	1.8	4.7	20.4
279	217	Penna▲	254	...	...	1.0	64.3
4½	2	Prime People▲	3½	-¼	...	...	...
142	82½	Prosdoot Alex	83	-1	12.0	18.1	∞
423	373	RCO	375	...	12.8	4.6	12.9
118	105	REA	105↑	...	4.0	4.8	...
94	43	Reed Executive	93	+7	...	...	...
156	113	Reliance Secs▲	126	...	...	4.5	12.7
238	182	Rentokil	193	...	2.3	1.5	24.1
278	240	Rolfe & Nolan	260	...	7.2	3.5	∞
390	343	Salvesen (C)	369	-1	7.0	2.4	20.4
35	29	Scott Pickford▲	29	-1	...	3.4	8.0
298	164	Securiguard	298	...	9.4	3.9	15.8
6	5	Select App▲	6	...	...	...	...
988	695	Serco Gp	965	...	14.0	1.8	26.7
352	250	Sherwd Cmpt▲	250	...	...	3.5	∞
130	90	Sketchley	90↑	...	3.0	4.2	∞
355	310	Warner Howrd	320↑	...	6.5	2.5	16.7
45	27	Welpac	30	...	0.6	2.5	...
26	14	Wills Gp	22	...	...	0.6	30.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	215	Allied Colloids	215	-3	3.9	2.3	17.1
759	613	Amersham	705	+17	12.5	2.2	26.1
7	3½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	0.8	...	...
£101½	8325	BASF DM	9187½	-9½	...	7.6	...
257	199	BTP	253↑	+6	...	4.6	20.6
£119	£101½	Bayer DM50	£106	+9½	...	5.4	...
178	134	Blagden	173	...	9.5	6.9	18.6
165	93	Brent Chems	94	...	...	9.8	8.6
530	395	Br Bio-Tech	400	...	...	...	...
29	18	Caird Gp	25½	...	1.3	6.5	∞
153	126	Canning (W)	148	+5	7.2	6.2	17.0
608	504	Courtaulds	537	-4	...	3.3	14.0
281	228	Croda	275	-1	...	3.5	18.0
146	121	Deeflex	135	...	4.6	4.3	10.4
208	175	Ellis & Everard	205	...	7.0	4.3	18.7
31	15½	Euro Colour	30½	...	0.8	3.3	∞
291	259	Halstead (J)	289	+1	...	2.6	14.5
241	194	Hickson	241	+1	...	4.1	22.3
£114½	8850	Hoechst	9825	+37½	...	3.8	...
220	195	Holliday Chem	220	+1	...	2.1	20.3
1309	1048	ICI	1244	-11	55.0	5.5	30.9
688	581	Laporte	617	+1	19.5	4.0	17.0
223	181	Leigh	184	+1	7.8	5.3	15.0
19½	7	MTM	15	+½	...	...	...
1712½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1700	+25	...	1.7	∞
450	370	Paterson Zoch	448	...	11.4	3.2	19.3
400	360	-do- 'A'	398	...	11.4	3.6	17.2
296	247	Plysu	247	-1	7.0	3.6	∞
215	173	Porvair	215	+1	3.6	2.1	23.0
13	7½	Smellie Speak	10½	...	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	433	-4	16.0	4.6	17.4
490	395	Wolstenholme R	450	...	17.0	4.7	15.4
401	368	Yorks Chem	391	-1	...	2.4	20.9
306	240	Yule Catto	295	...	5.9	2.5	17.9

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	89	...	3.0	4.2	...
97	42	Amber Day	81↑	...	3.1	4.8	22.2
319	257	Argos Plc	306	-4	...	2.9	21.0
122	69	Ashley (Laura)	110	...	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey▲	285	...	...	2.1	23.1
248	188	Austin Reed	248	+5	5.0	2.5	∞
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	143	+1	6.0	5.2	∞
121	97	Bentalls	109	...	1.9	2.2	...
276	208	Betterware	266	+2	2.0	0.9	∞
34	22	Blacks Leis	34	+1	3.3	...	7.0
227	133	Body Shop	210	...	1.7	1.0	∞
16	12	Brown & Jackson	15½	...	...	0.7	∞
401	318	Brown (N)	375	+3	7.0	2.4	∞
87½	64½	Burton	83	-1	...	3.0	...
145	126	Castors	143	...	...	2.3	19.0
355	295	Church	353	...	12.5	4.4	31.4
183	97	Clinton Cards	145	...	4.2	3.7	17.5
247	212	Coats Viyella	231	-2	...	3.9	35.9
106	78	Colourvision▲	91	...	...	...	15.4
504	374	Courts Furnish	504	...	5.0	1.2	25.3
155	115	Crown Eyes	137	...	...	5.5	6.4
109	89	Dairy Farm Intl	106	-3	...	3.2	16.9
70	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	70	+1	1.0	1.8	22.5
281	194½	Dixons Grp	214	...	6.0	3.5	25.2
405	320	Dunhill	384	-4	7.7	2.5	13.3
21	12½	ERA Gp	16	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	460	...	16.0	4.5	15.4
115	71	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
249	203	Etam	240↑	-2	6.9	3.6	22.0
562	499	Fine Art Dev	538↑	...	12.7	3.0	∞
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
62	34	French Conn▲	60	+1	...	...	...
48	21	Gabbicci▲	46	...	2.0	...	9.2
65	43	Gem SR	49	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
47	23	Goldsmiths Gp	40½	...	0.3	0.8	∞
2925	2400	GUS	2913	...	40.0	1.7	23.2
1728	1563	-do- 'A'	1643	-8	40.0	3.0	13.1
40	34	Hampden Grp▲	34	-1	...	3.7	16.0
277	30	Harstone	34	-57	4.8	17.9	2.1
35½	20	Helene Plc	23½	...	2.0	10.7	∞
60	29	Heritage▲	55	...	...	...	...
61	35	Honeysuckle▲	60	...	...	2.1	8.5
93	63	Jacques Ven	76	...	2.0	...	...
619	496	Kingfisher	577↑	+3	...	3.0	18.9
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	4.0	7.6	13.6
685	495	Liberty	640	...	7.2	1.4	75.4
320	265	Lloyds Chem	311	-1	5.5	2.2	12.2
152	120	MFI	129	...	...	3.6	17.2
365	311	Marks Spencer	332½	-3	...	3.0	18.5
505	445	Menzies (John)	498	...	10.0	2.5	16.6
175	135	Moss Bros	175	+2	5.5	3.9	∞
178½	139½	Next	166↑	+2	2.5	1.9	∞
40	15	Oliver (G)	40	+2	...	...	...
250	197	Oriflame Intl	215	-3	...	3.6	14.0
63	45	Pentos	54↑	...	1.5	3.5	11.2
313	255	QS Hldgs	280↑	-3	5.1	2.3	19.9
41½	11	Ramers Group	34	-1½	2.4	8.8	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp▲	32	+1	...	...	...
138	120	Rosebys	138	...	...	3.9	16.6
174	137	Sherwood Gp	160	...	...	1.9	15.2
108	93	Sears	99	-½	3.5	4.4	∞
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	428	-1	13.4	3.9	15.1
15	4½	Specialeyes▲	12	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	207	-1	...	3.1	26.4
191	148	T & S Stores	165	...	5.9	4.5	12.3
133	71	The Rack	132	...	...	1.0	21.5
220	160	Time Products	212	...	7.5	4.5	∞
100	63	Usher (Frank)▲	92	...	...	6.8	7.3
45	27	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
40	15	Wensum▲	36	...	...	6.3	...
130	78	Wickes	119	...	...	...	52.8
61	45	Wld of Leather▲	61	+3	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale▲	190	-5	...	2.6	∞
4	2½	Xtra-vision▲	3½	...	...	...	∞

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	147	ACT Group	153	...	4.5	3.7	15.1
240	223	Acal▲	238	...	...	3.1	19.9
162½	38	Acorn Comp▲	105	-4	...	...	53.2
480	385	Admiral	430	...	5.4	1.5	18.4
131	104	Alba	128	...	4.7	4.6	10.8
43	19½	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	31	-1½	0.4	...	...
128	73	App Holo▲	78	...	...	...	...
21	13	Arlen	20	...	...	...	...
58	35½	Astec	56	-¼	...	...	0.9
290	250	Beales Hunter	275	...	9.2	4.2	14.5
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
403½	319	BICC	383	-5	19.2	6.3	26.0
575	455	Blick	484	...	9.2	2.4	18.8
1700	1150	Borland▲	1650	...	...	...	...
319	274	Bowthorpe	313	...	6.3	2.5	∞
445½	376	BT	422	+¼	...	4.7	20.8
10½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	10½	...	0.1	1.2	...
151	110	Burnfield	139	-1	5.7	5.2	22.0
760	660	Cable Wireless	733	-10	13.2	2.3	22.6
17½	11½	Chloride	17½	+1½	...	...	...
251	229	CML Micro▲	251	...	...	3.4	16.5
115	74	Comptr People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
155	109½	Cray Elect	153	-½	...	0.4	12.5
336	243	Critchley	336	+3	...	2.3	23.8
119	86	Dale	99	-1	5.1	6.4	9.6
548	414	Delta	530	...	...	3.3	21.8
298	205	Denmans El▲	287	...	...	2.7	12.2
630	460	Domino	498	-1	7.2	1.8	16.9
65	48	Dowding Mills	50	+1	2.5	5.3	19.4
1040	865	Druck▲	1038	...	...	1.1	25.3
411	358	Electrocompnts	396	-2	7.0	2.3	20.9
575	470	El Data Prc	555	...	5.1	1.1	15.2
86	43	Electron House	80	...	2.3	3.7	24.4
30½	10½	Emess	30	-½	0.1	0.4	...
587	442	Eurotherm	580	+2	8.0	1.7	26.4
136	108	FKI	133	...	2.3	2.3	25.8
391	340	Farnell Elect	381	+1	6.2	2.0	∞
51	33	Feedback▲	48	...	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferranti	14½	...	...	...	...
195	101	First Tech	192	...	...	1.9	∞
236	81	Forward Gp▲	224	...	...	...	...
21	16	Forward Tech	16	...	...	...	...
339½	264	GEC	317½	-½	9.6	3.8	16.8
182	132	Graseby	153	-2	10.9	8.9	∞
11½	9	Graystone	9½	...	...	...	...
39	39	Hitclare▲	39	...	...	1.6	12.7
150	83	INSTEM▲	135	...	...	3.9	9.7
388	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	8.0	2.6	16.5
14	8	Kembrey	13½	...	0.3	3.5	5.2
321	260	Kenwood App	311	...	...	3.0	16.5
181	47	Kewill Sys▲	173	...	...	...	8.7
203	100	Kode	202	+2	5.5	3.4	24.0
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	48	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS▲	300	-5	...	...	...
300	240	Lec Refrig	268	...	9.0	4.2	...
179	135	Life Sciences	159	-2	3.5	2.8	17.2
232	164	Logica	230	-1	3.6	2.0	27.1
54	44	LPA Ind▲	45	...	...	9.8	12.7
212	179	MR Data Mngmt	180	...	4.3	3.0	17.2
673	523	Macro 4	653	...	...	2.4	21.9
630	527	Meuter-Swa▲	595	...	...	1.9	19.5
3015	1690	Micro Focus	2280	-28	...	...	21.0
227	187	Microgen	188	...	7.2	4.8	12.8
34½	27½	Microvitec▲	25	...	...	...	...
514	387	Misys	507	-2	6.1	1.5	23.1
227	88	Mitel	210	-1	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Comp▲	119↑	...	...	3.7	15.1
29	16	Molynx	25½	+¼	...	6.4	2.4
272	202	MTL Instr	218	...	...	2.1	16.4
165	122	Multitone Elect	133	...	3.0	2.8	16.3
152	116	Murray Enter	152	...	1.8	1.6	70.6
£412½	5225	NYNEX	5312½	+87½	...	...	...
188	140	Neotronics	186	...	2.6	2.1	20.4
85	42	Newmark (L)	65	...	...	...	...
114	78	Norbain▲	111	...	...	1.1	16.6
75	20	Norsumber	60	+1	0.5	1.0	...
15½	9	Octagon	11½	...	...	...	7.5
251	195	Oxford Inst	246	-1	4.3	2.2	16.6
83	48	P-E Internat	74	...	1.0	1.3	...
75	29	P&P	70	+2	1.4	2.5	37.2
80	55	Peek	66	-1	3.4	6.4	17.2
190	115	Pegasus▲	156↑	...	...	5.0	40.5
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1050	725	-do- Lnsp nv	975	-12½	...	...	...
493	343	Pifco	452	...	7.7	2.2	38.3
431	303	-do- 'A' Voting	432	...	7.7	2.3	36.0
96	63	Plasmec▲	72↑	...	...	0.5	8.1
104	76	Pressac	98	...	2.4	3.1	19.8
135	103	Psion▲	122	+1	...	2.6	32.4
224	100	Racal Elect	199	+3	1.5	0.9	23.6
60	45	Radamec	53	-2	1.0	1.5	∞
70	43	Radius▲	60	...	...	5.6	20.7
92	61	Real Time▲	77	...	...	4.9	7.0
35	18	Rivas	31	...	...	...	...
620	488	Sage Gp	562	-7	9.0	2.0	18.0
76	49	Scantronic	64	...	2.4	5.8	20.2
142	117	Scholes Grp	125	+1	5.0	5.0	24.6
330	270	Sema Gp	302↑	+1	2.8	1.2	24.5
34	26	Silvermines	32	...	...	9.0	...
45	37	Soundtracks▲	43	-1	...	6.4	14.5
2437½	1737½	TDK	2200	-75	...	1.3	∞
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	16	-1	...	...	∞
155	80	Telemetrix	150	...	0.8	0.7	∞
899	809	THORN EMI	874	-5	...	4.7	17.7
111	96	Thorpe FW	103	...	2.5	3.0	10.6
103	75	Total Systems▲	82	...	2.2	3.4	14.6
445	372	Tunstall	435	...	6.0	1.7	17.3
256	164	Unitech	239	-3	5.8	3.1	41.8
11½	6	Verity▲	8½	...	...	...	...
37½	24	Vistec▲	33½	+1½	...	1.1	29.5
434	367	Vodafone	429	-2	...	1.7	21.0
441	368	Volex	394	+3	...	5.4	20.0
22	11	Western Selectn	19	...	...	...	...
255	223	Wholesale Fitgs	253	...	11.7	5.8	24.1

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	455	-3	17.1	4.7	8.8
496	399	Eastern Elect	468	-1	16.7	4.5	11.6
356	304	Hydro-Elect	340	-1	10.1	3.7	12.1
500½	404	London Elect	464	-1	16.8	4.5	8.9
549	458	Manweb	517	-5	18.2	4.4	7.5
514	428½	Midlands Elec	465	-2	17.2	4.6	9.8
549	440	Northern Elec	504	-1	18.5	4.6	7.5
544	439	Norweb	501	-4	17.7	4.4	9.4
337	285	Scottish Power	321	...	...	4.4	11.6
529	436	Seeboard	500	-1	17.2	4.3	9.0
571	460	Sth Wales	535	-1	19.4	4.5	8.5
532	426	Sth Western	484	-3	17.4	4.5	8.7
496	406	Southern Elec	467	-4	16.6	4.5	9.2
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	511	-2	17.7	4.3	9.5
354½	273	National Powr	352	+6	...	3.8	10.7
364½	273	PowerGen	362½	+4½	...	3.6	11.3

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	51	Aitken Hume	51	...	0.5	...	32.6
85	47	BWD▲	84	...	...	4.8	13.1
90	26	Baltic Plc	85	...	1.0	1.5	∞
453	420	Caledonia	420	...	14.4	4.3	16.1
1500	1075	Camellia	1375	...	22.0	2.5	11.6
265	243	Candover	264	...	10.2	4.9	18.7
100	71	Fleetech▲	99	...	...	0.6	∞
303	155	Gover	282	...	...	5.4	8.8
150	125	Ivory Sime	149	...	...	5.3	15.6
6½	3	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12#	...	...	...	0.6
203	154	Lon Fordalgs▲	200	...	8.4	5.4	14.7
57	47	Manakin	57	...	...	...	...
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	10	-½	...	...	...
49	40	Newmarket	49	...	...	...	...
275	246	Rathbone Brs	273	+1	6.0	2.7	16.6
22	17	Rutland Tst	22	...	...	4.5	13.1
330	255	S & U	263↑	-2	10.0	4.8	∞
69	48	Singer & Fried	64	...	2.6	5.1	∞
963	738	Sotheby's	938	-12	...	4.0	...
108	83	SJP Capital	107	...	3.0	3.5	19.4

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487½	Amer Express	1856½	...	...	...	...
234	183	Electra	225	...	6.7	3.7	30.7
978	835	Henderson Ad	913	...	41.0	5.6	20.1
121	92	Invesco MIM	112	+2	3.0	3.3	∞
222	164	Jardine Strat	222	+6	...	3.3	10.9
194	154	MAI	181	...	6.0	4.1	13.2
521	389	MAM	521	+12	15.0	3.7	∞
799	633	M & G	779↑	...	...	3.4	20.7
225	115	Smith New Crt	222	...	4.5	2.5	8.8
80	55	Trio Hldgs	78	...	...	4.8	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	469	...	14.0	3.8	10.5
77½	53	ASDA Group	70	-½	...	2.9	22.6
255	170	Acatos & Hutch	216	...	6.5	3.8	12.5
76	55	Albert Fisher	62	...	3.7	7.6	10.3
407	297	Argyll	343½	+7	...	4.1	12.5
25	12	Ashley Group	16½	...	...	4.3	...
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	132	...	8.0	7.6	∞
210	160	Banks (S C)	208	...	8.2	5.0	10.4
402	310	Barr (AG)	370	...	0.5	2.2	18.7
85	57	Bensons Crsps▲	78	...	...	5.7	13.9
141	112½	Berisford Intl	140	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	371	-3	...	7.3	38.2
50	35	Borthwick	49	...	1.1	2.8	34.2
499	430	Brake Bros	489	+3	6.2	1.6	20.4
51	38	Budgen	41	...	...	...	13.9
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	441	+5	...	3.7	16.4
99	78	Carrs Milling	99	+1	3.9	4.9	19.8
201	178	Cranswick▲	191	...	...	4.9	14.1
20	8½	Cullens	17½	...	0.5	3.6	9.4
384	168	Dalepak	205	+5	6.0	3.7	9.3
491	424	Dalgety	429	-1	19.5	5.7	12.5
54	27	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.6	...
134	122	Everest	129	...	...	3.4	17.8
363	269	Farepak▲	290	...	...	2.2	20.6
10	3	Faringford	7½	...	...	...	...
94	78	Finlay James	78	...	4.1	6.6	∞
125	78	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.5	17.4
483	328	Geest	373	+1	8.1	2.7	16.8
12	7	Global▲	11	...	...	5.7	17.1
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	180	...	6.1	4.2	10.9
171	131	Hillsdown	149	+2	...	7.4	11.7
750	616	Iceland Frozen	712	-1	10.0	1.8	21.2
131	111	JLI Group	120	...	4.5	4.7	17.3
853	731	Kwik Save	772	-4	16.0	2.6	14.8
262	193	Low (Wm)	194	...	8.4	5.4	9.4
58	41	Matthews (B)	56	...	2.2	5.0	36.7
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	19	+1	1.1	7.5	∞
174	149	Morrison (W)	159	...	...	0.6	20.6
538	443	Nichols (JN)	528	+5	13.6	3.2	15.3
290	242	Nthn Foods	257	+1	...	3.8	14.2
22	13	Nrthmbrn Fro▲	13	...	...	...	5.4
229	172	Nurdin Peack	207↑	...	6.1	3.7	∞
241	205	Park Foods	237	...	3.2	1.7	28.3
115	83	Perkins Food	108	...	4.4	5.1	∞
96½	47	PizzaExpress	82	...	...	0.8	47.1
5½	1½	Regina Hlth▲	5½	+½	...	...	...
584	446	Sainsbury J	484↑	-3	10.0	2.6	∞
68	33	Senior Farms▲	58	+2	...	2.2	13.6
225	170	Sims Food	173	...	11.2	8.1	9.3
439	357	Tate & Lyle	375	+9	12.0	4.0	11.8
273	208	Tesco	222	+1½	...	4.0	10.3
211	123	Thorntons	140	-4	3.6	3.3	13.0
183	101	Treats▲	175	...	...	2.6	20.0
375	300	Unigate	337	+1	15.3	5.7	12.0
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	399	-2	...	4.8	20.6
25	21	Usborne	21	...	0.4	2.4	12.9
337	248	Watson & Phil	309	...	13.3	5.4	16.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	16	Aitkn Sk H▲	16	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	85	+1	1.5	2.3	∞
209	170	Forte	194	+2	...	4.8	15.2
199	155	Friendly Hotels	170↑	...	5.7	4.2	∞
11	6½	Harmony Leis▲	9	-½	...	...	...
110	87	Jurys Hotel	107	...	...	5.7	12.6
215	154	Ladbroke	178	-½	11.1	7.8	15.2
73	50	Mandarin Orntl	72	...	...	4.4	19.3
59	44	Queens Moat	47½#	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7½% cvpr	85#	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	46½	-1½	3.4	9.3	9.1
24	11½	Ryan Hotels	18	...	...	6.3	∞
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	775	+20	7.0	1.1	...
54	34½	Stakis	52	...	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	178	AAF Inds	199	...	...	5.5	12.2
616	478	AAH	487	...	16.3	4.2	15.5
172	140	AIM	142	...	8.5	5.7	8.8
132	88	APV	98	...	...	6.9	...
233	81	ASW	215	...	...	3.5	...
184	124	Adwest	184	+2	7.0	5.3	23.3
28	10	Aerospace Eng	27½	+2	1.0	...	16.7
495	434	Airsprung	495	+6	7.5	1.9	13.7
145	113	Alexdra W	145	...	3.8	3.3	40.1
13½	7	Allied Radio	7½	...	...	...	...
539	415	Alumasc	539	...	11.0	2.6	16.5
35	17	Alvis	33	...	1.0	3.8	6.8
420	345	Amber Ind	365	...	17.0	5.8	9.8
38	18	Amberley Gp▲	33	...	...	3.8	...
145	126	Andrews Sykes	126	...	4.4	4.4	71.9
893	703	Antofagasta	778	-9	...	2.6	14.4
50½	37	Armour	42	...	1.4	4.4	12.3
170	143	Ash & Lacy	156	...	6.4	5.1	16.0
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	1.9	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	490↑	+1	...	4.3	19.6
235	168	Assoc Nursg▲	210	...	...	...	8.0
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	657	...	...	4.2	16.5
48	35	Ayrshire Metal	45	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	151	-1	...	6.2	12.8
39	28	BLP Group▲	35	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	21	+½	5.0	...	0.9
770	650	BOC	658↑	-9	23.2	4.4	14.4
79½	62	BSG	66½	...	...	6.0	∞
486	353	BSS Group	486	+4	...	4.4	19.4
621	500	BTR	601	-3	...	3.7	20.6
221	188	BWI	192	-2	6.7	4.4	18.5
41½	31	Babcock	33	-1½	2.1	8.2	∞
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	-¼	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	265	+1	8.9	4.2	18.2
1002½	556½	Barlow Rand	643½	+31½	...	5.4	3.6
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	59	...	...	3.0	24.2
15	5	Beauford	9½	-½	1.8	...	...
8½	6½	Beckenham▲	8½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)▲	30	...	...	...	...
27½	19½	Benson Group	18	+1	0.1	0.7	16.6
707	513	Bespak	515	...	9.0	2.2	16.1
193	83	Bibby (J)	92↑	...	9.7	...	5.4
300	129	Billam (J)	241	...	5.0	2.6	12.2
41	21½	Bilston Burness▲	36	...	...	...	...
13½	6½	Birmec Ind	6½	...	0.6	...	...
198	126	Birkby	154	...	...	0.8	...
45	32	Black Arrow	44	...	2.1	6.0	10.5
1½	½	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	177	...	2.9	2.1	16.2
263	129	Bluebird Toys▲	263	+15	...	2.1	16.4
587	494	Bodycote	578↑	+2	10.0	2.2	18.5
563	425	Boots	438	+1	...	3.8	16.4
61	45	Booth Inds	58	...	3.2	6.9	6.0
517	415½	Bowater	483	-1	11.5	3.1	19.1
1682	1335	Bowater Inc	1385↑	-2	...	...	...
248	190	Bowmore Inds▲	244	+2	...	1.9	18.3
19	12½	Brasway	17	+½	1.5	4.3	22.0
268	204	Brammer	251	...	13.0	6.5	32.7
18	12	Bridgend Gp	16	...	1.2	...	7.4
101	64	Bridon	101↑	+2	4.0	5.0	∞
70	53	Bridport-Gndry	70	...	4.1	7.3	13.1
40	31	Brierley Inv	32	...	...	8.6	9.1
308	280	Br Bldg & Eng	280	...	...	1.2	...
59	42	Br Blandsstock▲	49	...	...	...	...
516	417	Br Polythene	516	...	...	2.4	18.5
102½	54	Br Steel	96½	-2½	...	1.3	...
130	100	Br Syphon	128	...	3.0	2.9	35.9
15	11½	Br Thornton	15	...	...	...	...
268	216	Br Vita	237	+3	7.1	3.8	14.6
13	8½	Britton Grp	11½	+½	0.0	0.3	...
730	555	Broken Hill	630	-6	...	2.9	30.3
109	78	Bromsgrove Ind	108	...	4.0	4.7	14.0
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9½	...	...	...	...
70	51	Brown & Tawse	68	...	4.7	...	...
118	91	Bullough	109	-1	6.0	6.9	18.7
26	12	Business Techs▲	18	...	...	...	21.7
28	17	CI Group	25↑	+1	1.0	5.0	∞
25	15	Campbell & Arm	21	...	2.0	...	...
34	26½	Cannon St	30½	-1	...	...	...
280	205	Cape	225	...	10.5	5.8	14.5
228	176	Carclo Eng	213	...	...	4.2	17.3
2888	2178	Carnaud Mtl	2313	...	...	2.9	∞
78	68	Cassids Brse	72	...	...	4.2	8.0
183	158	Castings	181	+3	4.3	3.1	∞
145	113	Chamberln Hill	135↑	...	6.2	5.8	...
707	609	Charter Cons	634	+1	21.5	4.2	15.2
279	230	Chemring	279	...	...	3.7	16.8
62	52	Chieftain Gp▲	52	...	5.1	12.3	11.1
30	17	Chillington	30	+4	3.5	2.1	...
204	144	Christies Int	202	+1	1.5	0.9	...
61	34	Claybithe	58	...	2.5	5.4	...
90	70	Clayton Son	80	+5	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers▲	7#	...	0.2	...	...
400	380	Cohen (A)	390	...	11.0	...	...
223	179	Community H	187	...	6.5	4.3	11.8
246	186½	Concentric	205↑	...	...	3.4	17.3
209	120	Cook (Wm)	203	+5	5.0	3.1	∞
215	192	Cookson	201	-1	...	3.7	20.6
46	38	Copymore▲	46	...	...	3.7	∞
238	173	Crwell Par 'A'	189	-2	5.7	3.9	16.1
178	124	Croall	130	...	10.7	...	19.5
224	160	Creighton Ns▲	174	...	...	5.0	12.6
45	27	CrestaCare	45	+1	0.5	1.4	33.9
3456½	2903½	Dana	3343½	-9½	...	...	...
828	314	Danka Bs Sys	773↑	-20	4.5	0.7	∞
16	5	Davies (DV)▲	16	...	...	...	...
711	642	De La Rue	665	+3	15.0	2.8	20.4
25	16	Dinkie Heel	21	...	0.9	5.7	16.7
494	391	Diploma	489↑	+1	9.7	2.5	25.5
71	50	Dobson Park	70	+4	5.7	...	12.4
99	62	Dyson (J&J)	99	...	5.0	6.3	14.2
86	57	-do- 'A'	86	...	5.0	9.5	9.5
16½	8	EFG▲	12½	...	...	...	...
421	362	EIS	375↑	+5	...	3.9	∞
15½	9½	EIT Gp▲	9½	...	...	...	...
28	19	Etolet	24	...	...	...	...
43	19	Elco	30	...	3.3	...	11.8
2350	1925	Electrolux 'B'	1987½	-12½	...	2.8	...
66	45	Elliott (B)	60	...	...	...	...
486	414	Eng China Cl	414	-5	20.0	6.0	∞
2900	1580	Ericsson 'B'	2900	+62½	...	1.1	...
90	27	Erskine Hse	90	...	...	3.2	9.4
53	32	Eurocopy	46	-1	1.6	4.3	17.9
80	47	Expamet	78	...	3.2	5.2	∞
635	499	Fairey Group	634	...	10.2	2.0	19.5
95	53	Fenner	78	...	4.2	...	14.7
68	33	Ferraris Group▲	59↑	...	...	2.2	13.5
1	...	Ferromet▲	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Ferrum	24↑	+1	2.5	13.0	16.8
40	28	Fife Indmar	40	...	0.5	1.6	...
251	156	Fisons	163	-2½	...	6.7	18.9
53	28	Fitzwilton	41	...	13.0	...	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	30	Folkes Group nv	39	...	1.5	4.8	∞
74	56	French (Thomas)	62	...	3.6	7.3	31.1
218	160½	Frost Group	217	...	4.0	2.3	∞
85	71	GEI Intl	82	...	7.3	11.2	16.9
489	434	GKN	457	+9	...	5.6	20.4
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	70	Gamon Eng	98↑	+4	4.0	5.1	...
120	109	Gestetner	110	-2	8.2	9.3	4.8
36	23	Glevet	23	...	...	...	16.6
801	545	Glaxo	609	-3	17.0	3.5	16.8
24	16	Glenchewton	24	...	...	...	...
311	245	Glynwed	301↑	+1	11.6	4.8	28.4
100	66	Goode Durrant	96	-1	5.4	7.0	20.3
134	102	Grampian Hd	127	...	5.5	5.4	22.1
411	341	Granada	398	-1	7.7	2.4	21.2
383	301	Great Stres▲	383	+3	...	3.6	15.7
95	78	Gm (Ernst)▲	96	...	...	9.1	13.3
14	8½	Greenacre▲	12	...	...	2.9	∞
17	8	Guardian Grp▲	10	...	...	...	...
54	30½	Haden MacLn	49↑	...	...	5.1	17.7
83	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	75	...	...	...	...
235	115	Hall Eng	227	+1	8.6	4.8	19.0
258	215	Halma	224	...	2.2	1.2	27.7
49	30	Hampson Ind	37	...	2.3	...	10.0
265½	228	Hanson	228½↑	-3	...	6.2	11.6
221	187	Harris (Philip)	220	...	...	3.9	15.6
187	147	Harrison Crsfld	182	-3	9.0	6.2	26.3
63	38	Havelock Euro	63	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
25	17	Headway	22	...	0.7	4.0	11.6
394	301	Hepworth	387	...	14.6	4.8	16.7
225	160	Hewitt (J)	214	+3	3.0	1.8	16.7
38	15	High-Point	33	...	1.3	...	...
134	112½	Hill & Smith	134	...	...	5.2	18.6
10	6½	Hobson▲	8	...	...	...	...
117	87	Holders Tech▲	117	...	...	6.4	15.3
49	30	Hopkinsons	48	...	1.3	3.4	19.7
167	138	Hornby▲	138	...	...	8.2	13.0
13½	6	Hospital Crp	9	...	...	11.1	2.4
73	54½	Howden	70	...	...	3.8	10.8
231½	173	Hunting	217	...	...	5.8	17.8
415	269½	Huntleigh Tec▲	408↑	...	...	1.8	∞
295	247	IMI	270	...	10.0	4.6	∞
108	90	ISA Intl	104	...	1.5	1.8	16.2
205	170	Intercare Gp▲	185	...	...	1.8	19.6
255	235	Isotron	249	...	3.9	2.0	16.0
517	360	Jardine Math	507	-4	...	2.3	19.6
537	438	Johnson Matth	450	+2	9.6	2.7	18.7
64	51	Johnson & FB	51½	...	3.0	7.3	15.9
165	104	Johnston	165↑	+13	3.2	2.5	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	30	...	...	...	...
32	18	Jourdan (T)	31↑	...	0.7	3.0	...
54	26	Kalamazoo	51	...	...	...	42.0
178	73	Kalon	164½	+½	...	2.4	22.8
297	253	Kelsey Ind	278	...	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kenbaw (A)	510	...	27.0	6.6	26.5
168	75	Kleeneze	161	-6	...	...	...
123	61	LGW▲	123	...	3.0	3.0	10.2
303	266	Laird	280	+1	...	4.7	18.0
166	105	Lee (Arthur)	159	...	...	4.8	65.9
149	110	Lilleshall	149	...	4.2	3.6	18.4
153	97	Lincat▲	148	...	...	4.3	12.8
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	17	...	...	...	14.0
128	76	Linread	108	...	3.7	4.3	16.7
208	170	Lntn Park	190↑	...	14.0	9.2	∞
15½	10½	Lionheart	14	-½	0.2	1.8	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	16	...	1.0	7.8	50.4
274	176	Lon Ind	195	+5	9.4	6.1	13.3
122	70	Lonrho	117	+2	...	4.3	...
342	269	Low & Bonar	319	...	...	3.6	44.7
343	283	MB-Caradon	299	-3	...	3.6	23.2
169½	140½	-do- pf	150	-1	7.2	6.0	...
26	14½	ML Hldgs	26	+2	1.8	...	25.1
43	27	MS Intl	37	+1	2.5	8.4	51.7
50	30	MY Holdings	45	...	...	1.8	13.7
188½	114	Macfarlane	185↑	-1	...	2.2	21.0
430	379	McKechnie	418	+8	14.7	4.4	20.7
106	88	McLeod Russel	97	...	6.0	7.7	11.8
10½	5½	Maddox	6½	...	...	...	...
78	67	Magnolia	76	+1	0.1	0.2	12.2
106	71	Mang Bronze	95	...	1.0	1.5	...
27	21½	Marling	21½	...	0.3	...	...
170	124	Mayborn▲	170	...	...	3.7	14.1
54	29	Mayflower	52	-1	...	3.0	∞
256	191½	Meden	219	+4	0.7	0.3	...
104	88	Meggitt	103	+1	...	4.6	17.5
130	111	Metalrax	115	...	4.0	4.3	16.9
76	70	Mersec▲	73	...	...	...	...
77	29	Midstates	73	+4	...	1.3	∞
25	14	Mining & Ald	25	...	0.5	2.5	...
488	368	Molins	464	...	...	3.8	12.0
345	262	Morgan Crble	271	+1	...	5.8	14.5
145	134	Morris Ashby▲	134	...	...	4.4	11.7
26	18	Neepsend	26	...	1.5	...	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	53	...	3.1	7.4	12.7
169	122	Nobo Gp	169	...	3.5	2.6	20.7
174	127½	Norcros	169	...	7.0	5.2	29.0
43	35	Novo Group	39	...	...	1.0	...
320	310	Nu-Swift	330	...	...	7.8	8.8
53	36	Office Elec Mac	48	...	0.1	0.3	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	22½	...	1.7	9.7	...
140	128	PCT▲	128↑	...	...	7.1	∞
48	44	Pacer Systems▲	44	...	...	8.3	...
138	108	Pentland	109↑	...	...	2.9	14.8
380	330	Photo-Me	370	...	4.4	1.5	18.9
137	97½	Pilkington	133	...	6.0	5.6	48.4
32	19	Platon▲	27	...	...	...	...
79	66	Plantsbrook	71↑	-2	3.0	5.3	11.2
156	126	Polypipe	148	-5	1.9	1.7	21.4
517	455	Portals	471	-7	...	3.8	16.1
32	19	Porter Chadburn	24	...	2.5	13.0	5.9
7½	5½	Porth Gp▲	6½	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	330	...	4.0	2.3	18.1
20	16½	Prospect Inds	18½	-½	0.7	5.1	9.3
54	33½	RPS Group▲	53	...	...	5.2	11.7
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
148	77	Ramco Oil▲	130	+1	...	1.9	...
744	636	Rank Org	708	-5	31.0	5.5	19.4
33	23	Ransomes	27	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	575	+10	...	3.5	20.8
77	50	Record	73↑	...	3.6	6.2	25.9
7½	2½	Reece	5½	...	...	...	...
189	131	Relyon	189	...	4.9	3.2	22.7
303	275	Renishaw	290	...	6.5	2.8	22.2
62	35	Renold	61½	+½	1.8	2.0	...
1438	1240	Reuters	1348	-25	21.2	2.0	22.3
36½	24	Rexmore	35½	...	1.7	6.0	9.0
120	97	Ricardo Group	115	...	5.7	6.2	32.3
68	58	Richards Leic	66	+1	4.4	8.3	∞
89	62	Richardsons West	80	...	3.0	4.7	∞
128	109	Ropner	122	...	8.2	6.5	17.3
122	97	-do- A	115	...	8.2	9.0	16.3
34	25	Ross Gp	25	...	0.6	2.3	14.3
458	395	Rotork	457	...	...	3.0	20.1
135	100	Rubicon	125	...	...	1.5	...
65	45	Russell (A)	62	-1	1.0	2.0	...
39	15	SFP Ind	35	...	...	3.4	25.3
800	655	SKF 'B'	787	...	...	...	...
342	222	Sanderson Elec	228	...	9.0	7.5	13.6
80	39	Savage	80	+2	...	0.4	...
45	39	Saville Grdn U	41	...	2.2	6.7	16.2
248	208	Scapa	233	...	5.5	3.0	18.0
236	192	Scholl	225	+3	...	3.6	15.9
6½	4	Scot Heritable	6	...	...	...	...
990	877	Securicor	930	...	2.6	0.4	35.4
668	562	-do- 'A'	640	+3	2.6	0.5	22.8
565	465	Security Serv	454	+4	7.3	1.7	24.4
109½	77	Senior Eng	125½	+½	...	2.8	17.3
361	306	Seton Health	349	+5	...	1.8	22.5
68	42	Shelton Jones▲	62	...	...	...	...
125	88	Shiloh	125	+4	2.9	2.9	13.6
381	295	Sidlaw	324↑	...	10.0	3.9	15.1
501	422	Siebe	465	+2	...	2.4	19.6
309	230	Silentnight	307↑	...	8.0	3.3	∞
124	112	Slavve Darby	113	...	...	2.7	72.8
142	50	Simon Eng	51	...	5.9	12.3	11.7
254	225	Smiths Whtw	239	...	7.0	3.7	15.4
47	42	Six Hundred	45	...	2.5	6.9	...
164	141½	Smith & Neph	161½	-½	...	4.1	19.2
513	399	SmithKline	450	+3½	8.6	2.2	17.3
453	340	SmithKline Un	427	+2½	...	3.1	15.4
394	350	Smiths Ind	356	-2	11.2	4.2	11.7
140	66	Stan Bus	66	...	3.3	6.5	6.1
405	265	Spandex▲	424	...	...	2.0	17.8
510	300	Spear (JW)	510	...	4.0	3.5	9.4
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	340	...	...	3.4	21.6
145	35	Spring Ram	77	+5	0.3	0.6	∞
270	222	Staveley	237	...	8.2	4.3	13.5
147	126	Sterling Ind	132	...	5.6	5.3	16.5
20	11	Stonehill	16	...	...	...	...
154	97	Suter	152	-½	8.8	7.2	15.9
350	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	346	-4	...	2.6	∞
7	5	Sycamore	5½	+½	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes Pick	54	+1	...	9.5	10.3
272	240	Syltone	272	...	9.4	4.4	12.4
198	164	T&N	176	-1	...	7.7	29.2
339	279	TI	327	-3	...	4.2	17.7
16	12	TIB Ranges▲	14↑	+1	...	1.6	...
283	219	TT Group	231	...	6.0	2.7	16.7
249	220	Takare	236	...	1.6	0.9	19.8
871	618	Taneda Chem	827	-13	...	0.6	21.4
31	24	Tex Hldgs	27	...	...	...	...
94	70	Tinsley (E)▲	91	...	...	7.1	10.6
225	180	Titan▲	195↑	...	...	2.3	17.0
271	221	Tomkins	226	-1	...	3.5	16.0
110	67	Trafalgar H	105	-½	...	3.8	7.7
110	65½	-do- 'A'	105	...	...	...	...
579	346	Transfer Tech	527↑	...	16.0	3.8	13.3
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	174	+1	7.0	5.0	15.9
253	221	UniChem	223	...	5.6	3.2	∞
308	275½	Unidare	305	...	...	7.0	9.2
44	11½	Unigroup	42	...	...	...	...
1249	989	Unilever	1018	-7	21.3	2.6	13.8
£812½	6625	Unilever (NV)	6925	-75	...	3.1	10.1
773	513	VSEL	753	+2	25.0	4.2	8.7
9½	6½	Verson	8½	...	...	...	...
145	95½	Vickers	136	+1	...	1.4	...
367	305	Victaulic	325	...	7.8	3.0	∞
364	283	Vinten	340	...	...	2.6	15.8
574	427	Vosper Thorny	574	...	13.1	2.9	13.9
45	41	WSP Hldgs	45	...	...	8.4	11.2
468	410	Wagon Ind	422	-2	...	5.0	16.3
86	71	Walker Greenbk	84↑	...	3.1	4.6	21.4
258	201	Wassall	254	...	2.5	1.2	25.6
35	22	Wetford Wdgwd	31	+½	...	...	...
675	582	Weir	607	+1	11.8	2.4	∞
993	658	Wellcome	771	-23	13.0	2.1	21.3
23½	22½	Wellman	23	...	2.2	...	8.6
296	260	West Hldgcare	295	...	...	1.6	18.9
495	460	Whatman	495	...	9.5	2.4	16.8
353	267	Whessoe	346	-3	...	2.9	13.3
10½	4	Whewsay	9½	...	1.0	13.2	...
50	27	Whitecroft	45	...	4.0	...	4.1
8½	4½	Widney	7½	...	...	...	...
85	44	Wilkes (James)	81↑	+1	3.5	5.4	23.7
365	306	Williams Hldg	309	-3	12.5	5.1	16.2
31½	17	Wilshaw	29½	...	0.4	1.7	24.6
661	533	Wolseley	634	-5	12.5	2.5	22.0
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
45	35	Wyko	43	...	2.8	...	24.6
59	38	Young (H)	56↑	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1681½	+6½	...	3.7	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	2000	-12½	...	3.5	...
45	30	Archer (AJ)	44	...	4.4	12.5	21.4
148	118	Bradstock	119	...	5.1	5.4	14.7
1475	1076	Britannic	1473	+3	33.5	2.8	...
641	556	Com Union	569	...	...	5.3	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1570	+10	...	1.4	25.0
26	18	FAI	25	...	...	...	...
615½	546	Gen Accident	557	-2	26.7	6.0	...
195	160	GRE	172	-2	7.0	5.1	14.3
370	293	Heath C E	325	-1	16.0	6.2	19.1
195	168	Hogg Gp	180↑	...	8.1	5.7	∞
186	164	JIB Group	189	...	7.5	5.0	19.1
493	408½	Legal & Gen	472	...	...	5.1	28.7
1036	768	Liberty Life	876	+1	...	3.3	15.2
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	417	-3	17.3	5.2	15.0
295	253	Lloyd Thomp	273	...	5.6	2.6	20.1
368	274	Londn & Man	335	...	14.2	5.3	∞
362	321	Lowndes Lmb	344	-1	12.6	4.6	13.7
6743½	5612½	Marsh McLn	5793½	-43½	...	2.9	...
97	76	Oriel	89↑	...	...	7.0	∞
68	50½	PWS	60↑	...	4.0	8.3	8.7
342	282½	Prudential	324	+1	...	4.6	21.5
1138	800	Refuge	1045	...	31.5	3.8	28.9
319	248	Royal	283↑	-4	...	2.9	...
183	153	Sedgwick	164	+1	6.0	4.6	19.8
261	205	Steel Burrill	212	...	...	7.8	12.5
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	62	...	8.2	16.6	6.3
362	307	Sun Alliance	323	-2	14.2	5.5	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	58	-1	...	...	...
288	239	Transatlantic	274	...	12.0	5.5	25.4
773	499	Utd Friendly	720	...	14.5	2.5	31.4
208	171	Willis Corroon	196↑	+1	...	4.2	42.1
20	13½	Windsor	17	...	...	...	13.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1630	-4	45.0	3.4	∞
260	226½	Amer Trust	232	-1	4.9	2.6	48.1
347	304	Ang & O'seas	344	...	6.8	2.5	43.7
139½	124	BZW Conv	127½	+1½	7.8	7.6	14.0
158	133½	Bankers	155	-½	3.4	2.8	42.6
298	264	Baring Tribne	275	...	6.4	2.9	43.5
158	131	Berry Starq	158	...	2.2	1.7	51.4
100½	96½	Br Assets	99½	-½	...	5.4	26.4
67½	57½	Br Empire Sec	67½	+½	0.8	1.6	68.5
17½	14	-do- Wnts	17	+½	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	168	...	4.5	3.4	∞
164	130	Contl Asset	152	...	2.4	2.0	50.6
195	146	Derby Inc	148	...	16.6	14.0	8.0
255	195	-do- Cap	253	...	...	...	...
123	90	Drayton Asia	121	...	0.7	0.7	...
73	62	-do- Blue Chip	66↑	...	8.4	15.9	∞
64	35	-do- Eng Intl	63↑	+1	1.2	2.4	∞
118	84	-do- Far East	117½	...	0.6	0.7	...
108	95	-do- Korea	107	+1	0.5	0.6	...
631	577	Dunedin Inc G	580	...	25.4	5.5	26.7
582	513	-do- Wrde	576↑	+1	9.5	2.1	59.3
270	222	Dundee & Lon	249	...	12.0	6.0	23.0
51	46	EFM Inc Tst	50	...	4.8	12.2	9.0
54	51½	-do- Div Pf	52½	...	...	...	...
276	205	Edinburgh	262↑	-2	8.4	4.0	∞
162	141	Electric Gen	162	...	3.1	2.4	51.6
97	85	English Scot	96	...	...	...	...
253	205	European Asset	243	...	...	3.1	39.6
94	77	Finsbury 'A'	94↑	...	3.0	4.0	30.2
290	248	Fleming Amer	257	-1	0.7	0.3	...
206	190½	-do- Claver	193	+1	...	3.5	38.0
266	212	-do- Contl	243	-1	2.7	1.4	∞
171	147	-do- Entp	168	...	4.5	3.3	37.7
279	213	-do- F East	279	...	1.1	0.5	∞
306	246	-do- Fledg	295	...	3.0	1.3	...
117	106½	-do- Hi Inc	116	...	5.8	6.3	∞
219	136	-do- Japan	210	...	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	259	-1	6.7	3.3	∞
251	212	-do- Oseas	242½	...	5.1	2.7	57.9
229	203	Foreign & Col	226	-2	3.3	1.9	61.5
210	164	-do- Eurotst	186½	-1½	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	94↑	...	0.5	0.7	∞
268	191	-do- Pacific	265	...	1.9	0.9	...
138	116	-do- Smaller	138	+½	...	1.7	70.1
225	145	GT Japan	219	...	...	0.7	...
130	65	Genl Cons Cap	130	...	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	109	+½	...	9.7	11.3
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	123	...	...	...	...
278½	184	-do- Oriental	278	+1½	0.9	0.4	...
248	207	-do- Strategy	242	...	0.7	0.3	...
373	340	Greenfriar	369	...	6.3	2.2	55.4
10	5	Gresham House	8	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	49	+½	0.5	1.3	77.6
134	124	Inv Cap	127	...	5.1	5.0	25.5
92	77	IRS UK Smllr	87↑	...	2.8	4.0	∞
183	150½	Kleinwort Chrl	168	-2	5.0	3.7	32.7
203	176	-do- O'seas	200	-1	3.3	2.1	56.8
126	108	-do- Smlr	119	...	4.0	4.2	28.8
595	540	Law Debenture	581	+4	18.2	3.9	29.0
174	164	Majedie	173↑	...	...	3.4	33.5
249	221	Merchants	240	-1	10.6	5.5	22.3
5093½	3700	Merrill Lynch	4912½	...	...	...	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	420	+1	6.7	2.0	∞
126	105	Morg Grenf Inc	117↑	...	...	4.9	23.2
37	23	Do Warrants	35	...	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	42	...	0.1	0.3	∞
11	4½	Do Wts	8½	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Income	306	-1	...	4.4	29.1
319	265	-do- Intl	288	...	11.4	4.9	26.0
312	263	-do- Small	300	+1	4.0	1.7	64.6
103	90½	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	13.7	9.5
91	73	-do- S/C Cap	91	...	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	144	...	...	...	...
250	230	-do- Vent	244	...	...	5.3	19.3
71	50½	New Frontier	69	...	0.2	0.5	...
85	66	Northrng Inc	79	...	6.7	11.0	∞
294	249	O'seas Inv Tst	285↑	+1	2.8	1.2	...
373	295	Pacific Assets	371	...	1.1	0.4	...
275	187	Do Warrants	274	...	...	...	...
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8125	...	...	2.5	46.5
139	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	132	...	1.1	1.0	62.0
123	106	River & Merc	113↑	...	9.2	10.2	11.3
398	350	Robeco	386	+15	...	3.4	...
394	340	Rolinco	393	+12	...	2.1	...
240	214	St Andrew Inv	240	...	7.5	3.9	32.3
148½	131	Scot American	140↑	...	4.3	3.7	29.6
324	136	Scot Asian	304	...	...	...	...
365	235	-do- Warrants	365	+5	...	...	...
77	67½	-do- Eastern	71	...	1.5	2.7	46.6
201	182	Scottish	196	...	4.6	2.9	40.7
201	174	-do- Mtge	193↑	...	4.0	2.6	∞
79½	71	-do- Value	79½	...	...	2.8	56.6
1503	1330	Second Allnce	1436	-1	36.5	3.2	38.0
64½	54½	Secs Tst of Scot	62	+½	3.2	6.0	∞
130	109½	Selective Asset	121	...	1.5	1.2	41.5
21½	14	Sphere Inv	21½	+½	3.1	18.0	0.9
154	112	TR Far East	133↑	+1	4.5	4.2	29.2
149½	126	TR City Of Lon	135½	-½	4.7	4.4	28.4
141	110	TR Pacific	136	+½	0.3	0.3	...
36	26	TR Property	35	...	0.9	4.6	∞
69	47	TR Tech Inv	60	...	1.7	3.6	29.8
177	146	TR Smlr Cos	171	-1	3.7	2.7	50.1
315	283	Temple Bar	300	-½	13.2	5.5	22.6
90	69	Throg Asian E	67	...	0.5	0.7	...
68½	54	Throgmorton	66	...	2.3	4.4	36.9
423	363	Throg Dual Cp	420	...	...	...	...
195	178	USDC Invest	191	...	6.5	2.9	38.1
96½	76½	Value Inc Tst	96½	...	3.6	4.6	∞
598	532	Whitbread Inv	504	+1	16.5	3.7	∞
195	181	Witan	192	-½	5.6	3.6	33.6

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	263	Airtours	295	+2	7.2	3.1	10.4
60	42	Ald Leis	56	...	4.7	...	16.0
331	164	Anglia TV	301	+5	...	3.8	13.9
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	205↑	...	10.0	6.0	13.4
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1190	-5	22.0	2.3	17.8
118	90	Border TV▲	116	-2	...	2.9	15.2
16½	4½	Brent Walker	13	...	...	...	...
...	2½	Buckingham Int	9½	...	...	...	...
292	120	Campari	135	+2	12.0	11.1	∞
197	171	Capital Radio	185	-3	5.2	3.6	21.3
818	718	Carlton Comm	761	+5	17.0	2.8	22.2
200	158	Castle Comm▲	183	...	...	5.8	16.7
1890	1615	Central TV	1840	-2	38.0	2.5	30.6
93	61	Chrysalis	65	...	...	...	...
590	470	Compass Gp	494↑	...	...	3.3	14.8
310	219	Eurocamp	275	...	9.7	5.2	9.7
1150	710	Euro Disney	830	-23	...	1.5	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	5½	...	...	...	...
24	18	Ex-Lands	23	...	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	313	-7	10.5	4.2	...
378	320	First Leisure	340	-4	6.1	2.3	23.6
515	298	GWR Gp▲	510	...	...	1.7	26.2
195	149	Grampian	194	...	6.1	3.9	∞
6	5	Greenwich Comm▲	5	...	...	...	...
51	19	HTV Group	50	...	...	...	53.2
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	49	...	2.0	5.2	∞
12½	5½	Kunick	10½	-½	...	...	...
394	262	LWT CP	377↑	-2	...	1.6	17.4
475	327	Man Utd	440	...	19.0	5.1	15.1
148	90½	Owners Abrd	98	...	3.5	4.5	7.9
66	33	The Pelican Gp	54	...	...	2.3	18.6
130	55	Prism Leisure▲	110	...	...	3.1	12.5
20	16	Quadrant Grp	19	...	...	...	...
319	286	Radio Clyde▲	291	...	...	3.7	22.3
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	168	...	...	3.3	22.3
502	431	Scot TV	475	+1	9.9	3.6	23.4
60	41	Southern Radio	45	...	0.7	2.2	18.6
219	168	Stanley Leisure	208	...	...	2.5	17.6
9	9½	Sunleigh▲	8	...	...	...	...
145	135	Sunset & Vine	135	...	3.5	3.2	15.8
420	383	Tanjong	420#	...	...	0.6	∞
221	190	Thames TV	196	...	2.5	1.6	∞
2½	1	Ticketing▲	2½	+½	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	99	...	...	...	3.2
79	44	Trans World▲	69	-2	...	1.4	25.2
419	274	Ulster TV	419	+5	10.0	3.0	12.9
22	13½	Wembley	17	+½	0.2	1.5	...
31	7½	Whitegate	24	...	...	...	...
187	130	Yorkshire TV	187↑	+4	12.0	8.0	5.7
108	83	Zetters Gp	107	...	8.0	9.3	10.8

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4300	1800	Am Gold	4200	...	...	5.0	∞
1400	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1375	+50	...	7.0	∞
2050	1125	Ang Am	2000	...	...	3.5	13.8
18½	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	17½	...	...	...	...
114	33	Blyvoors	107	-3	...	5.7	5.9
41	18	Bracken	41	...	...	...	2.4
710	233	Buffels	675	-10	...	5.8	16.7
2	1	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	593	-7	...	3.5	∞
43½	31	Cluff Res	41	+3½	...	...	...
1181½	762½	De Beers	1118½	-18½	...	4.3	15.1
138	37½	Deelkraal	133	+2	...	4.5	7.3
87	7	Doornfontein	83	+5	...	...	...
867	388	Driefontein	840	-6	...	4.0	15.4
608	120	Durban	600	+12	...	...	...
123	47	E Rand Gold	123	+2	...	9.5	∞
162	62	E Dagga	150	-5	...	...	12.6
267	54	E Rand Prop	265	...	...	...	...
468	117	Elandsrand	468	+3	...	2.6	11.0
722	292	FS Cons	692	-5	...	7.4	∞
40	8	FS Dev	33	-1	...	...	...
1500	725	GFSA	1450	-31	...	2.8	22.8
168	125	Gencor	161	-4	...	6.1	12.5
63½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	63½	+3	...	2.2	15.6
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	20½	...	...	...	...
145	49	Grootvlei	142	+5	...	7.2	8.4
345	78	Harmony	345	+9	...	...	...
414	87	Hartles	380	-15	...	5.1	∞
14	8½	Inocco▲	10½	+½	...	...	...
953	491	Impala Plat	937	+23	...	...	21.2
13½	6	Kenmare Res▲	10½	...	...	...	...
810	332	Kinross	810	+20	...	6.2	8.9
843	319	Kloof	772	-3	...	2.3	13.0
90	25	Leslie	88	+3	...	4.8	8.7
115	13	Loraine	115	+10	...	...	...
116½	82	MIM	96½	+2	...	2.4	44.0
1060	820	Minorco	1030	-14	...	3.6	12.2
124½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	124½	+7	...	4.0	∞
1850	610	Orange Free	1800	-9½	...	7.3	∞
709	607	RTZ	668	+2	...	4.0	24.6
550	425	Rand Mines	537½	+12½	...	11.3	2.4
138	85	Rand Min Prp	138	...	...	12.3	6.6
517	150	Randfontein	496	+4	...	3.5	7.5
192	115	Rennison	185	-1	...	2.4	18.0
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1175	...	...	3.9	18.4
585	191	St Helena	556	+4	...	4.3	11.4
1577	475	Southvaal	1575	+20	...	3.7	22.2
88	18	Stilfontein	86	+2	...	7.4	14.9
201	58	Unisel	190	-1	...	1.6	18.4
4775	1800	Vaal Reefs	4575	-125	...	4.8	7.8
500	154	Welkom	472	-16	...	7.2	∞
205	26	Western Areas	192	+5	...	...	...
1775	587½	Western Deep	1700	...	...	3.7	7.8
263	176	Wstrn Mining	260	-3	...	...	...
776	383	Winkels	768	+11	...	1.3	6.3
84	56	Zambia Copper	82	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	68	+5	...	...	21.7

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	3.0	3.3	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	117	...	5.2	5.7	...
116	82	Appleyard	114	...	...	4.1	13.8
280	203	Bletchley Mtr	270	...	...	...	...
150	120	Bostrum	149	...	6.0	5.0	26.4
339	165	Br Aerospace	339	+10	7.0	2.6	...
328	303	Caffyns	303	...	11.5	4.7	40.4
9½	4½	Caverdale	8½	...	...	...	...
130	98	Central Mtr▲	124	...	...	4.0	31.5
29	18	Cook (DC)▲	26	...	...	...	...
235	156	Cowie (T)	218	...	6.2	3.6	16.6
110	86	Dag Motors	105	...	5.7	6.8	19.0
142	102½	Davnprt Vern	138↑	+1	...	3.6	17.6
264	155	ERF	213	...	4.0	...	...
117	92	European Mtr	108	...	...	1.7	...
292	208	Evans Halshaw	289	...	11.2	4.9	44.5
280	226	FR Group	252↑	-6	7.2	3.6	∞
3631½	2843½	Ford Motor	3375↑	-6½	...	...	...
2875	2147½	General Mtr	2562½	-12½	...	2.0	...
58	38	Gowrings	58	...	2.0	4.3	...
151	85	Henlys	150	...	3.0	2.5	...
875	650	Honda Motor	810	-5	...	0.7	...
26	15	Jacks (Wm)	25	+4	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	89↑	...	4.5	6.3	...
138	97	Kwik-Fit	134	...	...	3.1	23.9
344	281	Lex Service	341	+11	10.6	3.9	∞
119	85	Lookers	118	...	6.2	6.6	...
152	126	Lucas	132	+1	7.0	6.6	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	260	...	...	3.2	21.0
177	106	Perry Gp	173	...	6.0	4.3	...
153	108	Quicks Group	153	+2	4.5	3.7	∞
150½	80	Rolls-Royce	145	+1	...	4.3	...
194	163	Trinity Hldgs	181	+2	...	3.0	∞
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	145	...	4.0	3.4	22.4
183	121	Wesland	173	+1	4.2	3.1	15.3

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	135	...	4.0	3.7	14.4
330	315	Black (A&C)	315↑	...	13.5	5.4	∞
608	488	Blenheim Gp	543↑	-1	...	2.1	20.2
370	275	Bristol	370	...	11.5	3.9	27.5
9200	7775	Daily Mail	9150	...	13.0	1.8	20.6
9150	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9125	...	13.0	1.8	20.5
305	251	Dorling Kind	280	...	...	1.3	26.8
373	326	EMAP	357	+1	...	2.6	23.2
1090	873	Euromoney Pb	1088↑	+3	29.5	3.4	24.5
237	170	Harrington K	207	...	4.5	2.8	16.7
358	233	Haynes Pub	338	...	6.0	2.2	14.5
290	226	Headline	290#	...	4.5	1.9	∞
140	105	Home Countys	125	...	6.0	6.0	∞
9½	3	Intl Bus Comm	9½	...	...	...	13.4
8	6½	Intl Cm & Data▲	7½	...	...	...	...
520	400	Independent	520	...	...	4.1	14.0
540	395	Johnston Press	539	...	6.2	1.4	23.3
298	243	Metal Bulletn	280	+2	8.0	3.6	19.8
195	88	Mirror Gp	154	...	...	...	∞
373	297	News Corp	337½	+2½	...	0.3	22.7
240	169	News Intl	240	...	...	0.5	15.5
453	354	Pearson	439	-4	...	3.4	26.8
668	510	Portsmth Sund	668	...	8.6	1.6	17.2
686	618	Reed Intl	643	-5	...	3.3	28.0
148	98	Southnews	148	...	...	1.8	∞
137	90	Sterling Pub▲	137	...	...	2.3	45.2
385	328	Telegraph	385	...	...	3.6	16.2
825	715	Thomson Corp	775	...	25.4	4.1	∞
362	313	Trinity Intl	362	+2	8.7	3.0	21.7
39	34	Unk Group▲	34	...	...	...	...
610	494	Utd Nwspprs	596	-2	...	4.5	14.9

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Petr▲	17½	...	...	...	...
34½	17	Aran Energy	34	...	...	...	33.1
61	40	Arcon Intl▲	52	...	...	...	...
61	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	56½	...	...	...	...
66	26	Aviva Pet	63	+1	...	...	...
14	9	Beverley	9½	...	0.6	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	150	...	7.1	5.9	4.5
326	276	British Gas	290½	-3½	14.2	6.1	14.0
326	225	Br Petroleum	307½	-3	10.5	4.3	48.5
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castl	704	+4	...	4.5	17.2
65	32	Cairn Energy	61	+1	...	...	8.7
268	223	Calor Gp	257↑	+1	...	6.3	19.7
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	54	...	...	...	...
35	27	Coplex Res	30	...	...	...	...
15½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	15½	+1	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	460	-1	16.0	4.3	57.5
88	55	Exp Co Louis	67	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	28½	...	...	1.9	10.9
67	45	Goal Pet	53	+3	1.4	3.3	10.1
34	18	Gt Western Res	34	...	...	...	...
168	108	Hardy O & G	155	-1	1.0	0.8	48.6
46	18½	Kelt Energy	45	+5	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	153	...	3.3	2.7	31.0
103	63	-do- Units	99	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	14½	Midl Scot Res▲	18½	...	...	...	...
47	34	Monument	40½	...	...	...	75.3
9½	6	New London	6½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	30	...	1.0	4.2	10.4
35	27	Oil Search	30	...	...	...	...
14½	12	Pennz	12½	-1	...	...	...
110	99	Pict Pet	106	+1	...	...	14.7
29½	18	Premier	28½	+½	...	...	10.5
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	5.0	...
368	290	Ranger	348	-5	...	4.6	...
6050	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6000	...	...	5.4	14.0
4312½	3600	Schlumberger	4225	+25	...	1.8	...
67	47	Seafield	58	-1	...	...	...
615	515	Shell	605	-6½	21.9	4.5	18.6
203	185	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Teredo▲	6	...	...	...	3.9
41	23	Tryton Europe	24	...	...	...	5.4
11½	6½	Ultmr Grp	11½	...	...	...	...
172	143½	Woodside	152	+1½	...	2.4	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
330	249	API	330↑	+2	7.5	2.8	26.7
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	178	-3	...	4.6	17.5
505	408	Abbott Mead	502	...	9.3	2.3	26.1
1	...	Assis Group	1	...	...	...	...
31	15	Augis Gp	29	+½	1.3	5.9	...
212	155	Aspen Comm▲	192	...	...	3.2	17.4
13	7	BBB Designs▲	13	...	...	...	...
341	234	Bemrose	341	+1	...	4.3	14.0
33	15	Birkdale	25	-1	0.2	1.0	21.2
138	119	Bunzl	128	-1	4.0	3.9	19.3
297	257	CIA Gp	294	...	...	2.1	16.7
209	95	Capital Inds	208↑	...	...	1.9	19.9
55	44	City of Lon▲	55	...	...	8.3	∞
214	169	Cropper (James)	214	...	3.0	1.8	24.4
6	6	Crown Comm▲	6#	...	...	...	...
73	51	Devon Pckaging	65	...	1.4	2.8	12.9
117	94	Dolphin Pack	113	...	4.5	5.0	27.9
56	42	Dusfer Jenkins▲	56	...	...	...	14.4
15½	12½	Elswick	14½	...	0.3	2.7	∞
70	41	Fairway Groups▲	63	...	...	5.8	20.0
322	271	Ferguson Intl	312↑	...	12.5	5.0	∞
105	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	0.7	28.3
107	74	Filofax▲	101	...	...	0.5	25.2
30	14	Finch	17	...	...	...	...
100	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	94	...	...	6.6	18.4
295	183	Gold Greenlees	280	...	...	3.7	22.7
47	31	Goodhead	35	...	0.5	2.5	...
68	43	Hunterprint	75	-1	...	...	...
185	136	Interrupt▲	180	...	7.4	5.2	11.8
364	147	Lavis Porter	275	-1	4.7	2.3	∞
32	15½	Lopex	30	...	...	...	∞
275	175	More O'Ferrall	275	+2	13.2	6.0	∞
90	48	NMC Group	57	...	1.2	...	17.2
103	66	Osborne & Little	100	...	4.5	5.4	12.6
240	167	Quarto	240	-8	5.3	2.6	14.1
347	317	St Ives Gp	317	-1	5.2	2.1	21.6
185½	142	Saatchi	170↑	-1	...	...	...
472	333	Sappi	421	-5	...	8.6	∞
19½	11	Serif▲	14	...	...	...	...
28½	14	Shandwick	24½	...	...	...	...
354	294	Smith David	350	...	9.5	3.4	15.5
395	279	Smurfit (Jeff)	380↑	...	...	1.9	∞
246	163	Sta-Plus	245	...	8.0	4.1	∞
24½	16½	Taylor Nelson	24½	...	0.3	1.5	∞
56	38	VTR▲	56	...	...	7.6	10.0
93	40	WPP	83	...	...	1.5	...
125	62	Wace	124	...	...	2.3	...
221	203	Waddington (J)	214	...	7.9	4.6	16.2
673	540	Watmough	673	+1	11.5	2.1	26.4
8½	4½	Westport▲	6½	...	...	...	22.4
22	12	Whitney McK▲	21	...	...	...	...
79	55	Wood (SW)	79	+4	0.2	0.4	...

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
72	41	Allied Lon	68	-2	3.5	6.5	58.7
63	58	Arcadian	63	+1	...	...	...
79	54	Asda	79↑	-1	2.1	3.3	8.3
139	89	Avonside	130	...	4.0	3.8	∞
2637½	2062½	BCE▲	2225	-50	...	...	...
568	396	Bilton	562	+2	18.9	4.2	20.3
40	23	Bourne End	40↑	-1	1.0	3.1	...
210	150	Bradford	202	-2	4.4	2.7	18.4
25	12	Bredero	17	...	...	...	1.6
317	176	Br Land	300	-3	6.3	2.6	27.7
208	153	Brixton	199↑	-2	...	5.6	14.5
73	45	Burford	60	...	...	2.0	...
155	99	Cap & Regnl▲	153	...	...	0.9	∞
160	120	Cardiff Prop	160	...	2.4	1.9	...
335	196	Chesterfield	335↑	+4	11.0	4.1	∞
32	12	City Site Ests	30	+1	1.4	...	...
19	12	Clarke Nickolls	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
15	10	Clayform	14	...	...	...	...
40	34	Conrad Rbis G5	34	-1	...	1.8	...
1113	818	Daejan	1108	...	25.0	2.8	17.3
3	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenham Twn	86	...	2.5	3.6	31.2
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
125	76	Dencora	125↑	...	3.0	3.0	...
468	263	Derwent Hldgs	468	...	8.6	2.3	58.3
225	170	Estates Agency	220	...	3.0	...	20.1
27	7½	Estates Gen	16	...	...	...	...
84	72	Etonbrook	80	...	2.7	4.4	8.5
159	132	Evans Of Leeds	159	+2	4.1	3.3	15.2
27	11	Five Oaks	26½	...	...	...	...
53	30	Fletcher King	52	...	1.0	2.4	37.6
405	285	Frogmore	387	-4	15.0	4.8	21.8
150	97	Grainger	145	...	3.2	4.5	32.4
193	120	Gt Portland	184	-2	10.0	6.8	18.3
26½	7½	Greycoat	21	-1½	5.2	...	...
138	101	HK Land	137	...	...	4.8	∞
75	35	Hamlton Cnyw	70	-1	...	...	...
417	277	Hammerson	369	-4	10.0	3.4	35.5
382	245	-do- 'A'	341	-3	10.0	3.9	32.8
213	127	Helical Bar	208	-1	...	2.9	...
29	16	Hemingway	29	...	...	...	...
132	57	Herring Baker	70	-1	3.7	6.7	∞
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
576	435	Land Sec	552↑	-7	...	5.2	16.4
91	73	Lon Merch Sec	90	...	3.8	5.3	14.3
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3	...	...	...	...
447	324	MEPC	426	-9	20.0	5.9	17.0
7½	5	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
115	90	McKay Secs	115	...	6.7	...	18.9
7½	3	Markheath	6½	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	46	...	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5#	...	...	...	...
35	29	Moorfield Est	30	...	...	...	...
905	775	Mountview	905	...	18.0	2.5	9.3
159	112	Mucklow (A&J)	138	...	5.9	5.4	19.4
46	30	Olive Hldgs	42	-½	1.5	4.5	...
10½	4	Ossory Est	5	-1	0.1	...	1.5
127	86	PSIT	125	-1	3.7	3.8	24.9
201	138	Peel	196	-2	3.0	1.9	...
16	8	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	1.0
41	22	Property Trust	40	-1	...	...	...
3	1½	Raglan	2½	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	24½	...	1.5	7.7	4.8
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.3	1.3	28.7
34	16	St Modwen Prp	33	...	0.6	2.3	25.1
70	30	Savills	66	...	...	...	...
79	34	Scot Mkt	76	-2	...	...	...
96	30	Shaftesbury	94	-1	...	...	...
14½	5	Shield	10½	...	...	...	...
220	139½	Slough Estates	202	-6	...	5.0	14.1
79	56	Southend Prop	75	-1	4.1	7.0	37.8
16	7	Speyhawk	14#	...	...	...	...
26	16	Stanhope Prps▲	25	...	...	...	...
164	114	Tops Ests	161	+1	2.0	1.6	40.8
111	79	Town Centre	111	+1	3.1	3.5	20.7
72	43	Trafford Park	68	...	2.5	4.7	18.3
38	8	UK Land	28	-1	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	6½	...	...	...	...
238	160	Warner	232↑	-2	10.5	5.7	21.2
190	168	Warnford	189	...	7.5	5.1	∞
8	5½	Waterglade	6	-½	...	...	...
64	35	Wates	60	...	0.7	1.6	...
76	40	Wood John D▲	75	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic▲	15	-3	...	...	...
147	86	Headlam	145	+5	...	2.2	∞
500	330	Lambert	345	...	13.0	4.7	∞
100	78	Pittards	78	...	2.0	3.2	22.3
30	20	Strong & Fisher	28	...	1.0	4.5	7.8
150	89	Stylo	135	...	3.0	2.8	∞
55	53	UK Safety	54	...	...	23.8	1.8

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	408	Allied Text	458	...	12.6	3.4	14.7
69	54	Beckman (A)	59	...	4.7	...	11.7
27	21	Bolton Gp	25	...	...	...	12.7
165	141	Br Mohair	158	+2	8.5	6.7	∞
30	15	Charwell▲	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	343	...	7.2	2.6	21.4
601	522	Courtauld Text	546	+2	13.6	3.1	14.9
53½	24½	Cupid▲	27	-6	...	16.9	3.1
248½	221	Dawson	226	-3	9.0	5.0	22.0
30	22	Drummond	24	...	1.5	...	7.7
37½	27	Dunkeld	29	...	...	...	...
72	65	Fanpel▲	70	...	...	8.7	6.9
34	15	Foster (John)	20	+1	0.5	3.1	...
133	82	Gaskell	128↑	...	4.2	4.2	∞
186	156	Hicking Pntcst	175	...	3.4	2.4	14.9
59	45	Jerome (S)	58	...	...	...	...
358	249	Lamont	358	+3	12.0	4.3	23.1
506	353½	Leeds	500↑	-3	...	1.8	24.1
42	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	79	+1	4.9	7.8	9.0
180	89	Magellan	171	...	1.4	1.0	...
129	69	Parkland 'A'	128↑	...	2.0	2.0	...
102½	82	Readicut	96	...	3.4	4.6	...
53	35	SEET	40	...	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	84	...	5.1	7.7	14.8
61	44	Stirling Gp	60	...	1.6	3.4	22.0
51	42	Stoddard	42	...	2.6	7.8	11.2
312	250	Tomkinsons	301↑	-1	11.5	4.8	26.0
62½	32½	West Trust	39	...	...	8.0	...
417	252	Yorklyde	399↑	...	10.4	3.3	13.1

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	411	BAT	430↑	+2	...	5.4	16.1
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	619	-8	10.2	2.1	14.1

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
422	349	Assoc Br Ports	421	-1	...	2.5	...
813	732	BAA	761	+1	14.5	2.4	13.4
312	249	Br Airways	310↑	+1	...	4.3	16.9
81	56	Clarkson (H)	79	+1	1.5	2.4	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23#	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	409	-2	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	-3	1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	155	...	4.5	4.4	...
181	147	IoM Steam	180	...	...	5.6	9.4
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	33	...	0.5	1.9	...
70	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	70	...	1.2	2.0	4.8
2250	1262½	Manchester Sh	2100	...	4.5	0.3	11.5
349	280	Mersey Docks	330	+2	7.5	2.8	21.1
210	181	Natl Express	202	...	...	4.4	∞
294	238	NFC	257	-5	6.5	3.2	19.5
302	244	Ocean Group	280	+2	14.3	6.4	...
60	40	Ocean Wilson	58	+2	4.0	9.0	∞
627	504	P & O Dfd	594	-7	...	6.4	19.1
151	122	P & O 5 1/2%	147↑	-2	...	4.7	...
549	448	Powell Duffryn	548	...	22.6	5.2	21.9
140	117	Seacon▲	139	...	...	4.6	8.7
42	24	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
50½	31½	TNT	50½	+5½	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	755	...	11.8	2.0	29.0
382	173	Tiphook	313	-1	17.3	6.9	6.2
298	235	TDG	237	-2	0.5	5.0	∞

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	460	Anglian Water	483	+½	19.3	5.0	8.8
652	547	Northumbrian	590	+1	20.5	4.3	6.2
533	449	North West	483	+1	...	5.7	8.4
533	439	Severn Trent	489	...	19.3	4.9	7.1
554	454	Sthrn Water	501	+1	19.5	4.9	8.8
1500	1225	Sth Staffs	1320	...	47.0	4.6	∞
569	467	South West	506	-8	...	6.0	8.0
563	468	Thames Water	504½	-2½	19.2	4.8	9.5
612	506	Welsh Water	563	...	21.4	4.8	6.5
849	536	Wessex Water	581	+3	...	4.2	7.9
593	506	Yorkshire W	522	-1	19.5	4.7	8.5

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Ballesteros and Olazábal trail deliberate Evans

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

IT WAS one of the greatest days in the history of Spanish golf, the day when it was formally announced that the 1997 Ryder Cup would be held in that country, but for Severiano Ballesteros and José María Olazábal it was nothing to write home about. In the opening round of the Volvo PGA championship at Wentworth, they were both at sea. Ballesteros particularly so. He may have gone within a hand's span of a hole in one, but he also had eight bogeys.

Spain's secretary of state for sport and the secretary of state for tourism were both present at the Ryder Cup announcement and both welcomed the news. "We support golf as one of the main factors behind tourism in Spain," Fernando Panizo, the tourism minister, said.

"The fact that many golfers will come to Spain as a result of the Ryder Cup will promote tourism in this country." At that moment, Ballesteros, the man above all others whose deeds had made yesterday's announcement possible, was preparing for his first round. His bad back makes golf a trial for him at present and he can cope only so long as the fairways are wide from the tee and he does not have to play too many long irons.

Unfortunately for him these conditions did not prevail on the west course. Rain and a dampness in the air made it stretch every inch of its 6,957 yards, which means it is one of the longest courses the professionals play on. Ballesteros is unable these days to hit the ball as far as is necessary to take on such a course. He had a 78 and Olazábal a 74.

Olazábal is eight strokes and Ballesteros 12 strokes behind Gary Evans, 24, the leader. Evans, who was out just after breakfast, began with a bogey, missing a ten-foot putt. An idea of how long the course was playing can be gathered from the fact that he had to use a three-wood for his second shot on this par-four hole. (For that matter so did Bernhard Langer.) As his ball sped past the hole, Evans may have thought it was going to be one of those days. He was wrong. It was anything but.

He recorded three birdies on his outward half and four more coming in and the only thing that marred his day was his being fined £250 by John Paramor, the tournament director, for slow play.

Evans was warned on the 17th that he was being timed. When he handed in his card he was told he had exceeded the time limit for three separate strokes — his last putt on the 17th, and his drive and second shot on the 18th. He was not best pleased. "I do not regard myself as a slow player," he said. "It is quite amazing I have been fined for slowness."

Slow players never do concede they are slow and Paramor's evidence seemed conclusive. However, Evans did point out that it was the second time this season he has been fined by Paramor, the first being for hitting two strokes in a bunker during a practice round before a tournament in Spain in March. He suggested that Paramor "had it in" for him.

"I would not be doing my job if I did not fine him today," Paramor said. "He will not be the last player to hate my guts."

Who said this? "I enjoy Ronan [Rafferty]. I am happy for him that the spotlight has moved to Monty [Colin Montgomerie] in terms of who's currently the most unpopular player on tour." Mark James said that and yesterday he was paired with none other than Montgomerie.

It is not recorded what was said between them, though, because their group, which included Nick Faldo, was almost the only one of the day in which all three finished under par, the atmosphere was probably fairly relaxed. Faldo had a 71, Montgomerie a 70 and James a 68.

EARLY FIRST-ROUND LEADERS (GB and Ireland unless stated): 66: G Evans. 67: M Sunesson (Swe), 68: A Sherborne, D Mijovic (Can), R Rafferty, M James. 69: H Clark, S Ames (Trinidad), W Westner (SA), G Brand Jr, P Baker, A Murray, S Tinning (Den), S Torrance, J Spence. 70: A Oldcorn, P-U Johansson (Swe), B Langer (Ger), J Townsend (US), P Walton, J Cocares (Arg), J Haeggman (Swe), W Riley (Aus), J Parnevik (Swe), C Montgomerie, D Smyth. 71: E Els (SA), N Faldo, G Orr, M Poxon, M Davis, M Harwood (Aus), J van de Velde (Fr), G Levenson (SA), C Mason, M Mackenzie, I Palmer (SA), J Carriles (Sp), M Lanner (Swe), E Romero (Arg), O Sellberg (Swe). 72: F Nobilo (NZ), A Lyle, D Feherty, J Payne, R Karlsson (Swe), I Woosnam, A Garrido (Sp), G Day (US), J Berendt (Arg), S Richardson, M A Martin (Sp), M Mouland, M McNulty (Zim).

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MARC ASPLAND

Reaching for a world championship: Philippa Roberts, Britain's leading woman water-skier, will tackle Europe's premier event this weekend — the Carlsberg Export Masters at Kirtons Resort, Reading — with a new enthusiasm and sense of purpose (Jane Elliott writes). The winner of three European titles and a record ten successive national crowns has taken six months off her work as a general practitioner in Maidenhead to concentrate on adding the one honour that is missing from her collection, a world championship medal, and winning the Reading event would be a step in the right direction. "I am a lot happier with my training," she said. "I am on the water five or six times a day and I feel sure I can improve my career best at slalom and jump this year. If I do that I feel I will have some chance of making the top three in either of those events at the worlds."

Harrington eases into quarter-finals

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

PADRAIG Harrington, 21, from Dublin, who has supreme confidence in his ability, played classy golf to reach the last eight of the Amateur Championship at Royal Portrush yesterday.

The last time the Amateur was played at Portrush, in 1960, Joe Carr, also a Dubliner, won the title. Harrington, who was not even thought of then, maintained his chance of emulating him by defeating Fredrik Jacobson, of Sweden, and Garth McGimpsey, the Portrush specialist.

Two down after seven to Jacobson, Harrington won the 17th with a birdie four to go one up. He followed his opponent into the hole for a birdie four at the last to stay ahead. Eight minutes and a bowl of soup later, the Irishman was hitting off the first tee against McGimpsey, five times a winner of leading competitions around the Dunluce course.

Harrington hit a four-iron to eight feet at the 1st and went one up with a birdie three. It was a lead he never lost. McGimpsey, now 37, had been by beaten the younger man in the inter-provincial matches at Lahinch a couple of weeks ago and never looked reversing the result.

He drove out of bounds at the 2nd, to go two down, and was let off the hook at the 3rd, where Harrington missed a birdie putt of six feet. He was let down by his own putting at the next two holes, missing from three or four feet each time. Four down after five, there was no way back.

Ireland had a record 15 players through to the matchplay stages and two are still going: Harrington and Neil Anderson, a doctor from Belfast. He is such a quiet, gentle soul that it is hard to believe he is Irish: but he is no mean competitor, having twice won the North of Ireland championship.

Having overcome a Norwegian and a Frenchman yesterday, Anderson must now take on Van Phillips, an Englishman, who is altogether more formidable. He made his debut for the senior England team against Spain this year and recently retained the Berkshire Trophy by an impressive margin. Phillips defeated Mark Pullan, of England, and Alan Reid, of Scotland, both by two holes.

It was an afternoon of despair for Michael Welch, of Hill Valley. Having beaten Craig Watson, the leading qualifier, Welch was four up after six holes against Mikael Lundberg, of Sweden, and two up with two to play but lost at the 20th. Also out was Bradley Dredge, the runner-up last year, beaten by Alan Reid. There is no crueller game than matchplay.

Belgrave seek British best

David Powell, athletics correspondent, in Budapest, on the club with a European prize in its sights this weekend

THERE are three kinds of athlete in the Belgrave Harriers team representing Britain at the men's European club championship here this weekend. For some it will be the highlight of their competitive lives, for others nowhere near. Then there is Lenny Paul, who, at 35, is still making up his mind.

Paul is the Belgrave captain whose worst day in sport came when he and his partner, Mark Tout, lost their halfway lead in the 1992 Olympic two-man bobsleigh in Albertville and failed even to win a medal. Next winter, in Lillehammer, Paul will be trying again but, come his retirement, this weekend might hold his fondest memories.

"If Belgrave win I should think it will be the highlight of my life, unless I win an Olympic gold medal," Paul said yesterday. Belgrave can become Britain's first winners because, in 18 years of trying, the best by a British club is Haringey's second place last year. "We beat Haringey to be here, so we must have a chance," Bill Laws, Belgrave's joint team manager, said.

But Sandro Giovanelli, the organising president, surveyed the team declarations yesterday and suggested, not unreasonably: "It's a strong competition, the strongest ever." This is in contrast to three weeks ago, when teams were notified the event was cancelled because of sponsorship difficulties. The clubs agreed to pay half of their accommodation costs and Giovanelli announced the event was back on.

The most likely challengers to Larios, of Spain, who are hoping for a fourth successive victory, are Racing Club, of France, whose sprint relay quartet includes three of the team that set a world record in 1991, Queneherve, Marie-Rose and Moriniere.

Queneherve sneaked past John Regis in the last metre to beat the Briton to the silver medal in the 200 metres at the 1987 world championships. Regis, Jon Ridgeon and Paul Edwards are the senior internationals in Belgrave's team and all must score well if the 106-year-old club is to remain on course for its finest moment.

Ridgeon declared himself fit yesterday for the 400 metres hurdles after withdrawing injured from his first race of the season. He and Regis, the only man to win four medals at one European championships, in 1990, are here as good club men, running for a daily allowance of £20 compared to the thousands of dollars they can pick up with each race on the circuit.

All the Belgravians are internationals, except two: Derek Browne, in the triple jump, and Darrell Maynard, in the 800 metres. "I'm the weak link in the team," Maynard said cheerfully yesterday. The 800 metres entries show that Maynard, at 1min 49.79sec, is two seconds slower than anyone else in his race. He is resting from training for three days before his race to make sure he gets the best from himself. Not among the top 40 in Britain last year, for him a chance like this comes once in a lifetime.

Los Locos secure their final place

BY JOHN WATSON

THE Tomlinsons' team, Los Locos, have secured their place in the final of the Cowdray Park clubs tournament for the Dollar Cup after defeating Caltropo, 5½-3. Their rivals on Sunday will be CS Brooks, who beat Richard Britten-Long's Wichenford at Ambersham, Sussex, by 5½-4 yesterday.

Wichenford's semi-final line-up included the four-handicap player, Charles Seavill. He was standing in for Lord Tyrone, who injured his shoulder when his pony fell and sent him sprawling in the quarter-finals. Seavill, in the No 2 position, formed a close partnership with the captain and No 3, Robert Cudmore, while Johnny Kidd, the Back, was always staunch in defence, stemming many assaults by CS Brooks.

However, confidently pivoted on Robert Graham and building on the 1½-goals handicap advantage with which they began the match, CS Brooks were leading 3½-1 at treading-in time. They were proving a better-balanced combination, and their forwards, William Healy and Julian Daniels invariably paced themselves well to take up Graham's and Hariaguey's passes. In the third chukka, Healy scored by a long shot from under his pony's neck and Daniels then made it 5½-1.

The last chukka opened at 5½-2 and Wichenford fought back very hard to reduce their deficit. Seavill started to achieve this by converting a 40-yard penalty and Cudmore got another at the other end of the pitch.

If CS Brooks can mark and hold down the Los Locos six-handicap Argentine No 3, Frederico Marin-Moreno, on Sunday, they stand a good chance of winning the Dollar.

CS BROOKS: No 1 J Daniels (2), No 2 W Healy (3), No 3 R Graham (4), Back M Hariaguey (1).
WICHENFORD: No 1 R Britten-Long (0), No 2 C Seavill (4), No 3 R Cudmore (5), Back J Kidd (3).
LOS LOCOS: No 1 L Tomlinson (0), No 2 A Barlow (2), No 3 F Marin-MoreNo (6), Back Jack Kidd (2).
CALTROPO: No 1 A Harvey (0), No 2 P Elliott (5), No 3 F Bachman (6), Back F-M Clessonss (1).

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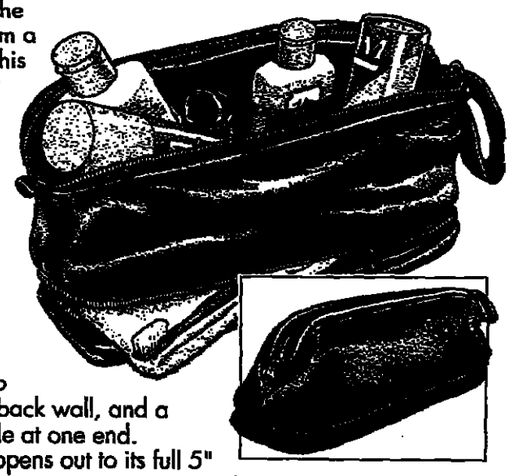

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Henry looks to give Banana the slip

BY PETER BRYAN

CONOR Henry finished last year's Milk Race wearing the yellow jersey, symbol of the overall winner. His victory in the 1,150-mile race was all the more outstanding because the final days were marked by fierce rivalry between Henry's Irish team, fighting to keep their Belfast rider as overall leader, and professional teams from Britain and Belgium, trying to establish their superiority and maintain their pride by ensuring that an amateur did not win.

In cycling, that is not considered unfair: the maxim among the péloton is "if you can't stand the pace . . ." After five days in first place, Henry had just enough strength to resist the onslaught as the race drew to its close in Lincoln.

His margin of victory — a 19sec advantage over Willi Willems, the Belgian professional — was narrow, but he nevertheless became the first Irishman to succeed in the event.

Many of the bitter-sweet memories of Henry's win will still be with him when he starts this year's race tomorrow at Tunbridge Wells with the traditional prologue time trial over 2.3 miles. As much as his victory last year, he will be remembered for a spectacular incident in the opening 1992 prologue at Penzance. For this individual test against the clock, riders are held steady at the top of the starting ramp mounted on a lorry: Henry made an inauspicious start when he fell off the back of the lorry, dusted himself down and lost a minute in the process.

He spent the remainder of last season in France — except to answer a late call to join Ireland's team in the Olympic Games road race in Barcelona — and returned to his base at Montlhery last February, where he has continued to race, apart from a short break in England for the recent tour of Lancashire.

The colour yellow is likely to surround him again throughout this latest edition of the Milk Race as it features in the design of the powerful British professional Banana team, which boasts overall winners in two of the last three years — Chris Walker, now established in the United States, in 1990 and Shane Sutton in 1991.

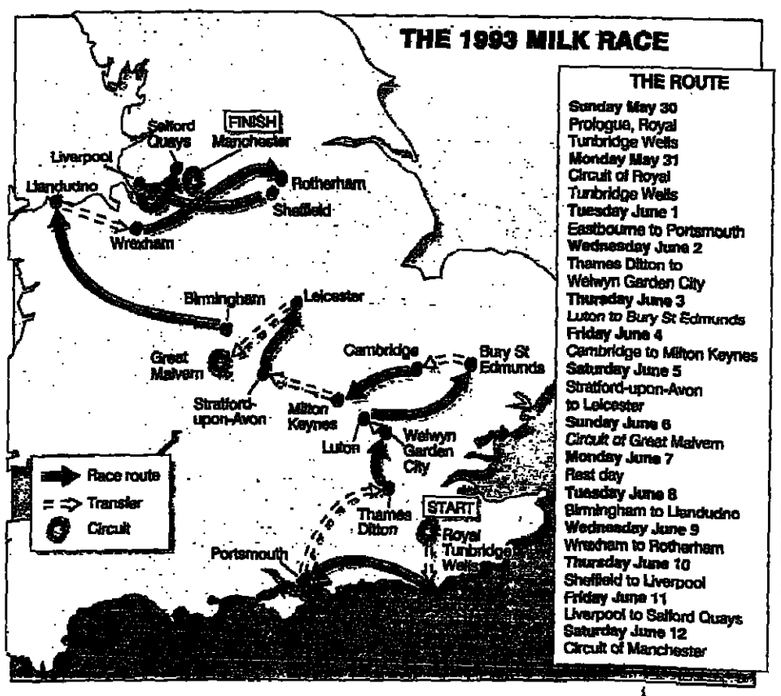
Sutton is again the squad leader, backed by regular riders in Chris Lillywhite, Keith Reynolds and Brian Smith with two "guests" — Ben Luckwell and Mark Walsham, who leads the season-long premier calendar competition.

The new Neilson-Tivoli professional squad includes Neil Hoban, fourth last year, and Tony Doyle, a specialist six-day racer, while the third professional team, Southern Sun, comes from South Africa with a good reputation.

Britain's amateur riders have two teams with a large contingent of those who, like Henry, have chosen mainland Europe as their battleground. Among them are Simeon Hempsall, second two years ago, who has had two significant victories in France this year, Simon Bray, the national champion, and Matthew Postle, all of them potential stage winners.

Throw in Kazakhstan, Australia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Holland, Norway and Poland and there are all the ingredients of a dramatic sporting contest every day as the race makes its way northwards — with three consecutive days of climbing from Tuesday week — to finish in Manchester on June 12.

If this is to be the last Milk Race, because of the proposed breakup of the Milk Marketing Board, the driving power since the first event in 1958, it should provide a suitable memorial.



Win gives Horner England's top spot

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

SUZANNE Horner, promoted to world No 3 for the first time on the day she clinched the European squash team title for England last month, yesterday took over the England No 1 position from Cassandra Jackman by defeating her for a place in the semi-finals of the Hong Kong open.

Jackman, the English champion, has been troubled by foot injury this year, but was back in form reaching the Supersquash 93 final in Tokyo last week. Yesterday she lost 9-7, 9-7, 7-9, 9-3 to Horner who will today meet Michelle Martin of Australia.

Martine Le Moignan is the second seed in Hong Kong and today plays Liz Irving of Australia, but, after choosing to miss the national championships in January, can muster only fourth place on the new England list. Sue Wright, who lost to Martin yesterday, still suffering ankle problems, is second, on the new England list with Jackman third.

On the men's England list, Del Harris, once the golden hope of the domestic game, slips out of the top ten for the first time since 1986.

RANKINGS: England Top Ten: Women: 1, S Horner (Yorkshire); 2, S Wright (Kent); 3, C Jackman (Norfolk); 4, M Le Moignan (Essex); 5, F Geaves (Gloucestershire); 6, J Martin (Northumbria); 7, L Charman (Sussex), 8, S Macfie (Surrey), 9, R Macrae (Essex); 10, D Vardy (Nottinghamshire). Men: 1, P Marshall (Leicestershire); C Walker (Essex); 3, P Whitlock (Cheshire); 4, T Hands (Essex), 5, D Meddings (Surrey), 6, S Meads (Berkshire); 7, S Parks (Yorkshire); 8, J Nicolle (Hampshire); 9, P Johnson (Kent); 10 P Gregory (Surrey).

RESULTS: Women's Hong Kong Open: Quarter-finals: M Martin (Aus) bt S Wright (Eng) 10-9, 9-2, 9-0; S Horner (Eng) bt C Jackman (Eng) 9-7, 9-7, 7-9, 9-3; L Irving (Aus) bt C Owens (Aus) 9-5, 9-1, 9-4; M Le Moignan (Eng) bt H Wallace (Can) 9-6, 9-5, 5-9, 7-9, 9-0.

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Indy build-up for Mansell plagued by bitterness

Oliver Holt, in Indianapolis, finds the British driver at the centre of attention on the eve of the Indy 500

RACE day tomorrow and the tempo is picking up. There is no action on the track, but in the paddock Nigel Mansell, who else, is at the hub of the psychological intrigue before the 77th Indianapolis 500, the sternest test of his career.

Never a shrinking violet, Mansell lapsed briefly from his studied portrayal of a happy-go-lucky cavalier in an exciting new adventure when he launched a quasi-cryptic broadside at some of his IndyCar colleagues.

"There are a certain couple of drivers — and I will not mention their names — who did their utmost to protest about the delay in my rookie test to allow me to recover from my back operation and try to get me out of the race," he said. He left it at that. No threats, just the promise of lingering bitterness.

Mansell must not allow his resentment to cloud his race tactics. Drivers like the new Formula One recruit, Michael Andretti, who was watching here yesterday, and four-time Indianapolis winner Rick Mears, have warned the Briton that he must temper his style for a race which last year turned into an intermittently macabre exhibition of cars cartwheeling across the track.

Mears, who retired after being involved in one of the accidents that marred the race, was revered for his skill on ovals. "He was quick," Andretti said. "But he never used to push it early on. He used to let the others come to him and stay out of trouble."

Trouble in the 500-mile race is most likely to occur in the first 500 yards as the cars stampede into the first corner. Driver after driver here this week has expressed concern that the narrowing of the track, carried out to try to stamp out the conditions that led to the problems last year, will lead to a dangerous bottleneck at the start.

It will be a start the like of which Mansell has never experienced. He has never raced on an oval, let alone in the cauldron of sound produced by the high grandstands that tower over the long straights on this forbidding 2.5-mile track.

"Nothing, and I mean nothing, can prepare you for the intensity of the Indy 500," Bobby Rahal, series champion last year, said. "The first time I experienced it, I thought, well, I guess I better go into advertising."

The Indy 500 is a carnival almost as much as a motor race. More than 350,000 spectators pack the grandstands that line the track and 100,000 more watch from the huge infield.

"I've been all over the world with Formula One, but I have never experienced anything like this," Mansell said. "I'm happy I have got this far and I have got a simple game plan. I have got to be there at the end to be anywhere. We can go the first 300 miles and then start racing."

The odds are stacked against Mansell, who leads the IndyCar series. Winning the showpiece race would place him alongside British motor racing greats and former winners like Jim Clark and Graham Hill, the only rookie to have won here, in 1966.

Mansell has never experienced racing in "dirty" air behind other competitors, a factor which can make a big difference to the aerodynamic behaviour of the car, never had to deal with the tactical problems caused by having to make eight or nine pit-stops and never driven in a race more than 200 miles long.

In these areas alone, more experienced drivers like Mario Andretti, Mansell's Newman-Haas team-mate, who won here in 1969 and starts from the front row tomorrow, and Arie Luyendyk, who is in pole position, hold a huge advantage.

If victory does elude him, he can at least take comfort in the words of Al Unser Jr, winner here last year. "What Mansell has done for IndyCar is fantastic," he said. "Hell, he has made me famous."

Mansell: oval debut

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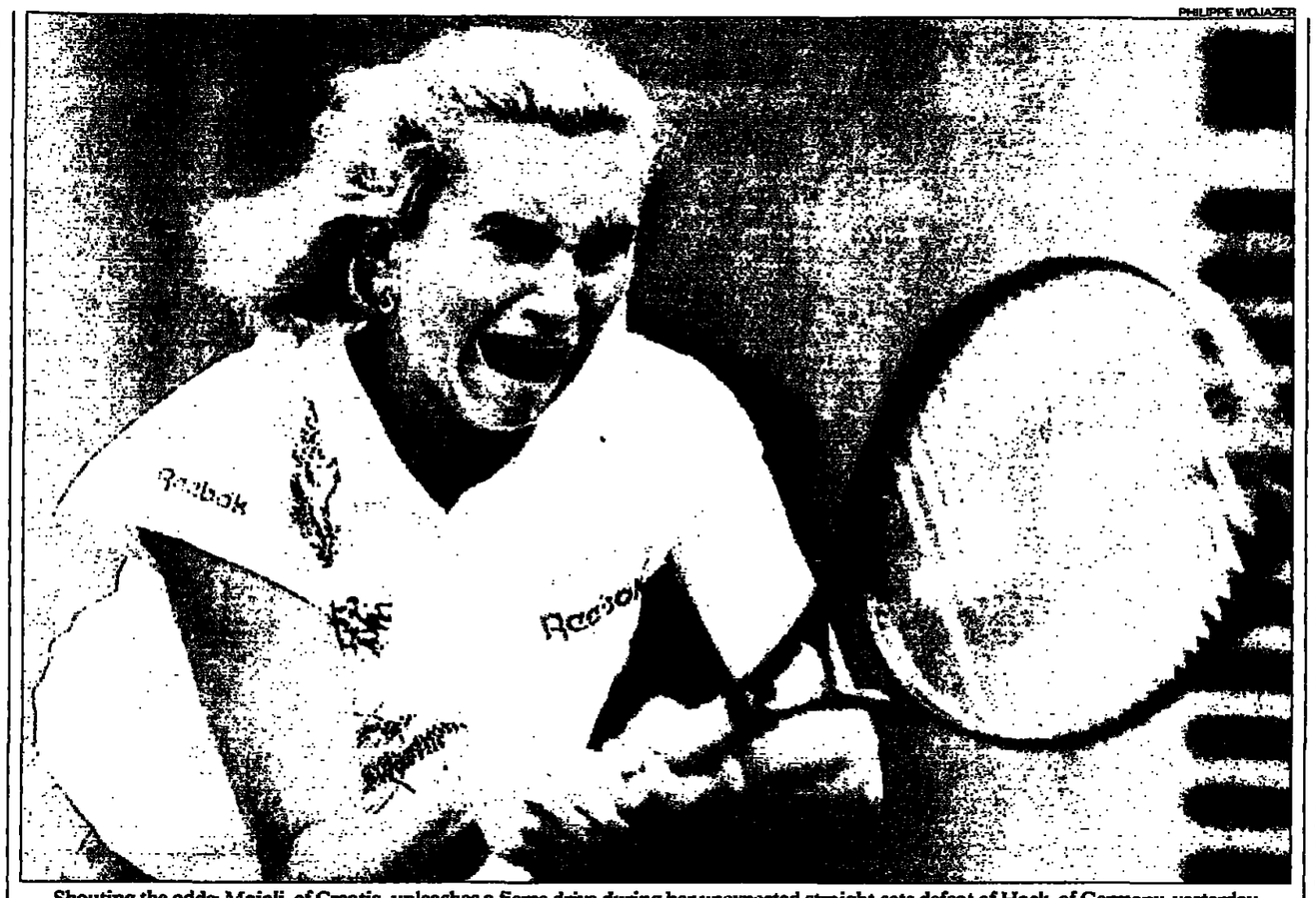

Shouting the odds: Majoli, of Croatia, unleashes a fierce drive during her unexpected straight-sets defeat of Hack, of Germany, yesterday

Seles's shadow returns to haunt Graf

FROM STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN PARIS

STEFFI Graf has not, after all, been able to escape from Monica Seles in the French Open tennis championships. The German, promoted to the top of the women's seedings in the absence of her great rival, is tomorrow to play Iva Majoli, a 15-year-old schoolgirl who is being touted as "the next Seles".

The comparisons are inevitable and, within a few minutes of catching a first glimpse of Majoli on court here, irresistible. From the tips of her overtly-bleached hair to the grunts that accompany each of her double-fisted backhands, she could be Seles's younger sister.

She could conceivably be as good. She has already followed Seles's path from Yugoslavia, to Nick Bollettieri's renowned training academy in Florida and when she made her professional debut in Houston last year, she was ranked 537th in the world. She is now 43rd and still climbing.

Yesterday, she knocked out the fifteenth seed, Sabine Hack, in straight sets to reach the last 16. Speaking with the same nervous giggle that punctuates Seles's conversation, Majoli then insisted that nerves will not spoil the biggest occasion of her short life. She is perhaps too young to be afraid.

Hack, at the age of 23, is not. She hurtled through the first set, committing so many elementary errors along the way that it seemed as though she might have another, more pressing engagement elsewhere which she was not prepared to forgo.

Rated third in Germany, she won the first set 6-0 against Graf in Berlin last month. Glumly, she yielded it here by the same margin to Majoli and, after belatedly raising her game, let slip 5-2 leads in both the second set and in the concluding tie-break.

Majoli has already succumbed to Graf on cement, at Delray Beach in Florida earlier this year. "It was very hard to play against her for the first time," she said. "But I think this will be different because I know her game a little bit better."

Graf recalls that she "didn't have much trouble", but conceded that her difficulties may increase tomorrow. She has not yet seen Majoli on clay, but she knows that the Croatian, a right-hander as opposed to Seles, has developed a strikingly similar style. Unless provoked, she never leaves the baseline.

Nathalie Tauziat, to French dismay, was another women's seed to fall. The thirteenth, she was also beaten in straight sets, by Judith Wiesner, of Austria, in a match that seemed to take an age but which was officially over in a shade under two hours.

Mary Pierce, the twelfth seed, was also in trouble against Kimberly Po until the cause was removed. It was her father, Jim, a notoriously ill-behaved spectator. When his daughter noticed his presence, she explained to her mother: "He's here and he's annoying me." Jim Pierce has been imprisoned for robbery, he punched two members of the public last year and on Wednesday was seen to strike a member of the family entourage, believed to be his 16-year-old son. Two years ago, he assaulted his own daughter as she came off court.

After a warning not to cause a disturbance, he interjected again and was removed by four burly security guards. His accreditation was removed and he was taken from the court and out of the grounds. Mary, having lost the first set, promptly won the next two.

So far, four of the top women have gone and the men's field lost another of its leading figures as the sun came out in the evening. It went down for Goran Ivanisevic, the lanky and wildly erratic fifth seed. While it was still grey and blustery, Graf had said that there are far more clay court specialists among the men capable of upsetting the odds. Carlos Costa, of Spain, almost immediately proved her point by coming from behind to win 2-6, 6-2, 7-5, 6-3.

So far, the men's seeds to have departed are the fourth (Boris Becker), the fifth (Ivanisevic), the sixth (Petr Korda), the seventh (Ivan Lendl), the eighth (Michael Chang) and the fourteenth (Wayne Ferreira). All that is to the benefit of Pete Sampras, who completed his delayed second-round match, and Jim Courier, who dropped a set before claiming his place in the last 16.

Finalists miss key players

BY ALIX RAMSAY

WELWYN Garden City may be a far cry from Paris, yet the French Open has taken its toll of the Everest national club league finals with the top men's teams missing some key players.

Banbury West End, who sailed through the play-off rounds, will be without their No 1, Neil Borwick, who is still doing battle in the doubles in Paris. More fortunately for Banbury, Marius Barnard slipped up on the red clay and will be on duty at the Puma Centre, Welwyn tomorrow.

Their opponents, Royal Berkshire, have fared worse with their No 4, Tom Kempers, also engaged in the doubles in France, while their No 1, Chris Wilkinson, although not playing in the Open, is simply unavailable. That leaves Andrew Foster and Sean Cole to lead the challenge for the £3,000 winners' cheque.

The women's final will have both Holcombe and Winchester at full strength. With the Russian pair of Svetlana Parkhomenko and Natalia Egorova not playing in Paris, they have an embarrassment of riches to choose from, including Anne Simpkin, the British universities champion, and will not make their final team selection until the last moment.

Whether Holcombe will chance fate and overlook Simpkin is a moot point. Ranked No 5 in the team, it was Simpkin who came back from 4-2 down in the final set against Lucy Ahl in the group matches to win and begin Holcombe's fight back to secure their place in the final.

The only doubt for Winchester hangs over Julie Salmon. She has a back injury, but has declared herself available to take her place alongside Julie Pulling and Caroline Hunt in pursuit of the title.

Thomson trails to Quittet after dressage

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

EMMANUEL Quittet, of France, who is competing at the Brittany Ferries Windsor Horse Trials for the first time, yesterday took the lead from Mary Thomson, of Britain, at the end of the dressage phase of the event.

On a day when many of the dressage tests were as unsettled as the weather, Quittet, the director of an equestrian centre at Guerer in central France, produced a calm, fluent performance on his 14-year-old, Narcisse II, to earn a score of 49.2 — two points ahead of Thomson.

Tristan Chambry, his *chef d'equipe*, expressed surprise at his excellent test but Quittet, 34, took it in his stride. "I train Narcisse in pure dressage," he said afterwards. "He is very consistent in this phase."

His jumping is also consistent, but today's 28-fence cross-country will be the biggest course he has attempted. Quittet's experience is more extensive — he has completed several three-star events, including Bramham, in Yorkshire, and Breda, in Holland.

Pippa Nolan, the national champion, is in fifth place after a rewarding test on Becky Coffey's Merry Gambler. The nine-year-old mare, by the HIS (Hunters Improvement Society) stallion, Maigueside, has not competed in a three-day-event before.

Other good tests yesterday came from Andrew Hoy, with Snow Gum, Tanya Liddle, with Treasure Ireland and Neil Fox, with Traffic Control. High on the "unsettled" list came Blyth Tait, the world champion, whose Ra Ora, who is 58th, confirmed Tait's earlier contention that the former racehorse has "not yet mastered the dressage phase".

Tait, who rose from 69th place after the dressage at the Barcelona Olympic Games to take the bronze medal with Messiah, is likely to improve his placing today. The cross-country is big but straightforward and the going, after the recent rain, is the best at Windsor for several years.

Charlotte Hollingsworth, who is fifteenth on Another Try II, is wary about dismissing the course too lightly. "It's not very technical but there's plenty there to catch you out," she said. "I wouldn't underestimate it."

RESULTS: International section 1, Narcisse II (E Quittet, Fr), 49.0; 2, King Basil (M Thomson, GB), 51.2; 3, Soldier Mac (P Fredericson, Swe), 54.0; 4, Dear Hardy (I Stark, GBI, 54.8; 5, Merry Gambler (P Nolan, GBI, 55.2. National section: 1, Witches Holt (P Sangster), 52.4; 2, Aston Millenet (S Edwards), 53.4; 3 Bramley (L Barnett), 54.2. Junior section: 1, Sydney James (N Lynn), 43.4; 2, Grey Knight (N Browne), 48.0; 3, Tom Cat II (A Broad), 49.4. Pat Plan Burghley Event Horse (four-year-old): 1, Azuga Gazelle (L Murray), 86; 2, Halcyon Knight (T Whipps), 78; 3, Super Star (A Clapham), 77.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

TEL AVIV: Israel v Scotland v Wales v Turkey: Men: Match result: 1, Israel, 67pts, 2, Wales, 61, 3, Scotland, 49, 4, Turkey, 40 Women: Match result: 1, Scotland, 52pts, 2 equal, Wales and Turkey, 48; 4, Israel, 25

BADMINTON

BIRMINGHAM: World mixed team championship: Group 1A: South Korea 3, Sweden 2 Group 1B: Indonesia 5, England 0 (Indonesia names first: A Mironet and Eliza bt S Archer and J Wright, 15-13, 15-9; H Arbi bt A Nielsen, 15-12, 15-10; M Timur bt F Smith, 11-4, 11-4; Eliza and Z Resiana bt G Clark and G Gowers, 12-15, 15-11, 15-7; R Gunawan and R Subega bt N Ponting and C Hunt, 15-8, 15-9) Final placings: 1, Indonesia, 2pts, 2, Denmark, 1, 3, England, 0 (Indonesia and Denmark to semi-finals, England to relegation play-off). Group 2: Japan 3, Malaysia 2. Group 3: Russia 0, Scotland 5 (Scotland names first: K Middlemiss and R Hogg lost to A Antropov and N Zuev, 15-13, 11-15 4-15; J Allen and A Travers lost to N Ivanova and M Yakushava, 11-15 9-15; J Master lost to A Antropov 9-15 4-15; A Gibson lost to M Andrievskaya 7-11 3-11, Middlemiss and Travers lost to N Zuev and M Yakusheva, 13-15, 13-18) Group 4: Hong Kong 4, India 1, Germany 3, New Zealand 2 Group 5: Czechoslovakia 4, Ireland 1: United States 1, Iceland 4: Ireland 2, United States 3 (Ireland names first: G Handerson and A Stephens lost to C Weng Kai and L French, 10-15, 16-17; S McGinn lost to E von Helland 4-11 6-11; M Watt lost to K Han, 13-15, 15-7, 10-15; Stephens and J Plunkett bt A Andersson and A French, 15-7, 15-8. B Topping and M O'Meara bt C Weng Kai and I Rusli, 11-15, 15-11, 15-9); Iceland 0, Czechoslovakia 5 Group B: Belgium 4, Pakistan 1; Ukraine 4, Hungary 1 Group 9: Peru 5, Cyprus 0, Israel 3, Malta 2; Australia 2, Canada 3; Israel 2, Peru 3; Malta 1, Slovenia 4.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 5, Atlanta Braves 4; Pittsburgh Pirates 13, Florida Marlins 8, Chicago Cubs 5, San Francisco Giants 4; Houston Astros 8, Colorado Rockies 0

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee Brewers 9, Toronto Blue Jays 3; Kansas City Royals 6, Chicago White Sox 4; Baltimore Orioles 4, New York Yankees 3 (10 inns); California Angels 5, Seattle Mariners 0. Postponed: Oakland Athletics v Minnesota Twins

BOXING

SEOUL: WBC bantamweight championship: Byun Jung-il (S Kor) bt J Suarez (Mex), pts.

CYCLING

MESSINA, Italy: Giro d'Italia: Sixth stage: (Milsifranca Timena to Messina, 130km) 1, G Bontempi (It), 3hr 6min 44sec; 2, A Baffi (It), 3, G Bugno (It); 4, M Ghirotto (It); 5, D Konyshev (Russ); 6, L Brochard (Fr), 7, F Chiocciok (It), 8, M Fondriest (It), 9, U Bolts (Ger), 10, M Saligan (It), all same time. Overall: 1, M Argentin (It), 25hr 37min 21sec, 2, P Ugrumov (Lith), at 26 sec, 3 M Fondriest (It), 35; 4, Bugno, 38, 5, M Indurain (Sp), 39; 6, M Saligari, 41, 7, L Leblanc (Fr), 42, 8, E Zaina (It), 44; 9, Konyshev, 46; 10, C Chappucci (It), 47 Irish placing: 15, S Roche, 85.

MORGANTOWN, West Virginia: K-mart Classic race: Second stage (160km): 1, L Armstrong (US), 4hr 6min 56sec, 2, M Engleman (US), 4:06:56; 3, B Walton (Can), *4:08.09. GB placing: 7, M Elliott, 4:10:59.* Third stage (220km): 1, Elliott, 6hr 11min 56sec; 2, A Pizlis (Lat); 3, R Gaggioli (US), both same time. Overall: 1, Armstrong, 10hr 21min 30sec; 2, Engleman, 14sec behind; equal 3, B Walton (Can), Elliott, 2min 56sec

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: RGS Guildford 171, Christ's Hospital 103-8; Forest 110, Watford GS 98-8; Millfield 200-8 dec, King's, Bruton 173-6; Enfield GS 124, Merchant Taylors', Northwood, 126-2; Trinity, Croydon 208-8 dec, Langley Park 184-9; Dartford GS 230-4 dec (G Snowdon 100), St Dunstan's 166-5, Sedbergh 150, Rossall 127-5; Incognito 206, St. Paul's 182; Ormskirk GS 134, Liverpool 63-5, Dover 178, St Lawrence, Ramsgate 179-3; Eton 184-6, Charterhouse 100-4, MCC 196-7, Eastbourne 145-9, MCC 180-7, St John's, Leatherhead 179-9, Wycliffe 152-8, Colston's 158-2 (C Taylor 108 not out).

EQUESTRIANISM

BREDA, Holland: Three-day event: Dressage: 1, Messer Millstream (A Pennerman, Hol), 43.8 penalties; 2, Cabalve Silver Lining (R Stevens, GB), 46.6; 3, Cosmopolitan II (R Mitton, Aus), 47.2. Other British placings: 6, Dancing Warrior (R Evans), 52.6; 12, Boy's Own (P Hay-Smith), 55.65, 13, Sam Muskat (L Russell), 58.8; 15, Greystoke Junior (C Kingscote), 59.6; 18, Pakshire (A-M Evans), 59.6.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Asia zone: Group A: Iraq 8, Pakistan 0 (in Irbid, Jordan).

Late results on Thursday

BORD GAIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Play-off: Bohemians 2, Shelbourne 1

BELGIAN CUP: Semi-final: First leg: Anderlecht 1, RSC Charleroi 2.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Ajax 5, Fortuna Sittard 1.

GOLF

ROYAL PORTRUSH: Amateur Championship: Third round: M Welch (Hill Valley) bt D Watson (East Renfrewshire), 4 and 3; M Lundberg (Swe) bt J Fanagan (Milltown), 3 and 2; M J Watson (Weymouth) bt R Bland (Grantchester Hill), 3 and 2, I D Pyman (Sand Moor) bt D Haines (Burnham and Berrow), 2 holes, C Cevaer (Fr) bt B Collier (Calander), 5 and 4; N H Anderson (Shandon Park) bt O Rojahn (Nor), 5 and 4; V L Phillips (Stoke Poges) bt M L Pullan (Sand Moor), 2 holes; A E Reid (Kilmarnock Barassie) bt B Dredge (Bryn Meadows), 4 and 3, P Harrington (Stackstown) bt F Jacobson (Swe), 1 hole, G McGimpsey (Bangor) bt L J Westwood (Worksop), 3 and 2; A Prat (Sp) bt D J Ross (Stoke Rochford), 1 hole, P J Page (Dartford) bt S Cage (Sand Moor), 5 and 4; D Fisher (Stoke Poges) bt P Sherman (Ashford), 19th; S MacKenzie (West Linton) bt C O'Carroll (Brynhill), 2 and 1; M J Thompson (Ferndown) bt S Graham (Ham Manor), 2 and 1; R Russell (Longridding) bt P Purdy (Shandon Park), 2 and 1. Fourth round: Lundberg bt Welch, 20th; Pyman bt M Watson, 1 hole; Anderson bt Cevaer, 2 and 1, Phillips bt Reid, 2 holes; Harrington bt McGimpsey, 4 and 3, Page bt Prat, 4 and 2; Fisher bt Mckenzie, 3 and 2; Russell bt Thompson 6 and 5.

CORNING, New York: LPGA tournament (US unless stated): 70: C Johnston-Forbes, A Finney, K Robbins. 71: L Rinker-Graham, T-J Myers, H Kobayashi (Japan), A Nicholas, M Morris. 72: C Walker, S Turner, P Sheehan, L Merten, M McGann, L Keen, T Green, J Carner, L DePaulo, L Kiggens. British score: 77: C Pierce.

FORT WORTH, Texas: Colonial tournament: First round (US unless stated): 64: D Mast, 65: D Waldorf, J Maggert, 66: F Allem (SA), D A Weibring, J Huston, R Coonan, L Roberts, 67: B Gilsson, S Pate, G Morgan 68: R Fehr, D Rummells, R Mattice, G Sauers, P Blackmar, D Barr (Can), M Hulbert, M Wiebe, D Frost (SA), H Irwin, D Forsman, L Muze

HOCKEY

ROYAL LEOPOLD CLUB, Brussels: European club championship: A division: Men: Pool A: Uhlenhorst 7, Wien Cobra 0, Dunkheimer 2, Racing Club de France 3, Pool B: Club Egara 1, Kelburne 0; HDM 0, Royal Leopold 0. Women: Pool A: Amsterdam 3, Cardiff Athletic 0: Slough 1, Club Campo de Madrid 0 Pool B: Russelsheimer 3, Stade Francais 0: Glasgow Western 5, Royal Leopold 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Third round play-off: Campbell Conference finals: Los Angeles Kings 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 4 (OT) (best-of-seven series level 3-3).

RUGBY UNION

WORLD CUP: Qualifying match: Poland 23, Georgia 6 (in Sopot).

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Division 1A: Postponed: Belle Vue v Eastbourne. Second division: Middlesbrough 64, Peterborough 44.

SQUASH

HONG KONG: Women's open: Quarter-finals: M Martin (Aus) bt S Wright (Eng), 10-9, 9-2, 9-0; S Horner (Eng) bt C Jackman (Eng), 9-7, 9-7, 7-9, 9-3; L Irving (Aus) bt C Owens (Aus), 9-5, 9-1, 9-4; M Le Moignan (Eng) bt H Wallace (Can), 9-6, 9-5, 5-9, 7-9, 9-0.

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates: Abu Dhabi Open: Semi-finals: R Norman (NZ) bt M Cairns, (Eng), 15-7, 15-8, 14-17, 15-13, Zarak Khan (Pak) bt M Carlyon, (Aus), 15-12, 15-10, 15-7

SWIMMING

PEKING: World Cup event: Women's platform: 1, Chi Bin (China), 258.58pts; 2, S Khokhlova (Russ), 257.94, 3, A Lobankina-Tarasova (Russ), 244.89.

TENNIS

PARIS: French Open: Men's singles: Second round: A Medvedev (Ukr) bt R Furlan (It), 6-3, 6-3, 6-4; P Kuhnen (Ger) bt B Dewening (US), 7-5, 6-4, 6-1; F Meligeni (Br) bt S Huot (Fr), 7-6, 7-5, 6-4; J Svensson (Swe) bt J Sanchez (Sp), 6-3, 6-7, 5-7, 9-3, 6-4, P Sampras (US) bt M Ondruska (SA), 7-5, 6-0, 6-3. Third round: M Stich (Ger) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; T Muster (Austria) bt B Gilbert (US), 7-5, 6-2, 6-4; J Courier (US) bt J Tarango (US), 6-1, 6-7, 6-3, 7-5, C Costa (Sp) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro), 2-6, 6-2, 7-5, 6-3; G Prpic (Cro) bt B Karbacher (Ger), 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.

Men's doubles: First round: L Jansen (US) and M Jensen (US) bt M Bauer (US) and T Nelson (US), 4-6, 6-4, 12-10; T Carbonell (Sp) and C Costa (Sp) bt R Gilbert (Fr) and G Raoux (Fr), 6-1, 6-4, W Ferreira (SA) and T Wesken (US) bt J Apell (Swe) and J Bjorkman (Swe), 6-7, 6-2, 7-5; K Novacek (Cz) and C-U Steeb (Ger) bt D Visser (SA) and L Warder (Aus), 7-5, 6-4; T Martin (US) and J Palmer (US) bt F Santoro (Fr) and S Simian (Fr), 6-3, 6-4, B Pearce (US) and B Telford (SA) bt J Hlasek and M Rosset (Switz), 6-2, 7-6, T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus) bt N Borwick and S You (Aus) 7-6, 6-1; M Goellner and D Prinosil (Ger) bt P McEnroe and J Stark (US), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. Second round: S Casal (Sp) and E Angel Sánchez (Sp) bt H De La Pena (Arg) and J Lozano (Mex), 6-4, 6-2, H Jan Davids (Holl) and P Norval (SA) bt D Adams (SA) and A Olhovskiy (Russ), 6-4, 7-6, J Eltingh and P Haarhuis (Holl) bt M Kaal and D Randall (US), 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; G Michibata (Can) and D Pato (US) bt R Deppe (SA) and D Rild (Cz), 6-2, 6-4; J-P Fleurian and C Pioline (Fr) bt S Cannon (US) and S Melville (US), 7-5, 7-6; P Albano and J Frana (Arg) bt J-L De Jager and M Ondruska (SA), 6-2, 6-2; J Fitzgerald (Aus) and A Jarryd (Swe) bt M Kratzmann (Holl) and U Riglewski (Ger), 6-3, 6-4, L Mattar and J Oncins (Br) bt L Pimek (Bel) and B Steven (NZ), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) and P Korda (Cz) bt S Stolle and J Stoltenberg (Aus), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Women's singles: Second round: K Rinaldi (US) bt P Ritter (Austria), 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; J Novotna (Cz) bt C Papadaki (Gre), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; K Kroupova (Cz) bt S Cecchini (It), 7-6, 6-3. Third round: A Huber (Ger) bt P Hy (Can), 6-1, 6-2; I Majoli (Cro) bt S Hack (Ger), 6-0, 7-6; S Graf (Ger) bt L Gildemeister (Peru), 6-2, 6-2; J Wiesner (Austria) bt N Tauziat (Fr), 6-3, 7-6; J Capriati (US) bt F Labat (Arg), 6-0, 3-6, 8-4; M Pierce (Fr) bt K Po (US), 6-2, 6-3, 6-3, C Martinez (Sp) bt N Baudone (It), 6-0, 7-5.

Women's doubles: First round: M Maleeva (Bul) and M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz) bt M Jaggard-Lai (Aus) and J Richardson (NZ), 6-2, 6-4; K Date (Japan) and K Kschwendt (Ger) bt F Labat (Arg) and M Paz (Arg), 3-6, 7-6, 8-6; M-J Fernandez (US) and Z Garrison Jackson (US) bt J Byrne (Aus) and N Provis (Aus), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; D Graham (US) and B Schultz (Holl) bt S Collins (US) and J Wiesner (Austria), 6-3, 6-1; A Coetzer (SA) and I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt J Halard (Fr) and A Huber (Ger), 6-4, 1-6, 6-3; E Brioukhovets and N Medvedeva (Ukr) bt J Hetherington (Can) and K Rinaldi (US), 6-2, 6-3; K Maleeva (Bul) and N Tauziat (Fr) bt Y Basuki (Indo) and K Boogen (Holl), 7-6, 3-6, 6-3. Second round: E Manlokova (Rus) and L Meskhi (Geo) bt K Habsudova and R Zrubakova (Slo), 6-2, 6-3; G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belarus) bt M Oremans and C Vis (Holl), 6-4, 6-3, S Stafford (US) and A Temesvari (Hun) bt K Date (Japan) and K Kschwendt (Ger), 7-5, 6-2; K Adams (US) and M Bollegraf (Holl) bt M Lindstrom (Swe) and T Whittington (US), 7-5, 6-0; M J Fernandez (US) and Z Garrison Jackson (US) bt N Muns-Jagerman (Holl) and L Fleming (Aus), 7-6, 6-1; L McNeil (US) and R Stubbs (Aus) bt K Godridge (Aus) and M Kidowaki (Japan), 6-2, 6-3; D Graham (US) and B Schultz (Holl) bt R Bobkova (Cz) and M J Galdano (Arg), 6-4, 7-6; A Coetzer (SA) and I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt S Appelmans and L Courtois (Bel), 6-2, 6-1; C Barclay and K A Guse (Aus) bt L Fernando (It) and P Langrova (Cz), 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, I Demongeot (Fr) and E Reinach (SA) bt A Fusai and C Suire (Fr), 6-1, 6-4; C Martinez and A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt A Grossman (US) and P Hy (Can), 6-1, 6-0.

Mixed doubles: First round: M Jaggard-Lai and L Warder (Aus) bt J Emmons (US) and P Galbraith (US), 6-4, 6-4; B Schultz (Holl) and M Jansen (US) bt K Adams and T Witsken (US), 7-5, 2-6, 8-4; L Meskhi (Geo) and B Pearce (US) bt N Van Lottum and E Winogradsky (Fr), 2-6, 6-2, 9-7; J Faull (Aus) and H Davids (Holl) bt M Kidowaki (Japan) and K Flach (US), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; M McGrath (US) and P McEnroe (US) bt G Helgeson (US) and T Kronemann (US), 6-3, 6-4

Familiar foe awaits fast man Foster

FROM CRAIG LORD
IN CANET, FRANCE

THE two fastest freestyle sprint swimmers in the world — Mark Foster, of Britain, the short course world record holder, and Alexander Popov, the Russian Olympic 100 metres champion — race here tomorrow in a a personal contest for supremacy and a chance to establish a psychological advantage before the European championships in Sheffield in August.

In the 50 metres, Foster would like to keep Popov where he was in the short course World Cup in February — behind him. But the Russian intends to prove that when it comes to long course he is still the king he was when claiming the Olympic crown in 21.91sec. Foster, sixth in Barcelona and whose world record stands at 21.60sec, needs to reduce the gap between long-and short course performances.

Added competition may come from his Barnet training partner, Mike Fibbens, third in the last European championships.

Popov's aim at Canet is to break the world record at 100m to reinforce his defeat at Barcelona of American Matt Biondi, whose five-year-old marks stand at 48.42sec. To achieve that in France, would have special significance. Alain Gottvalles in 1964 was the last European to hold this world record.

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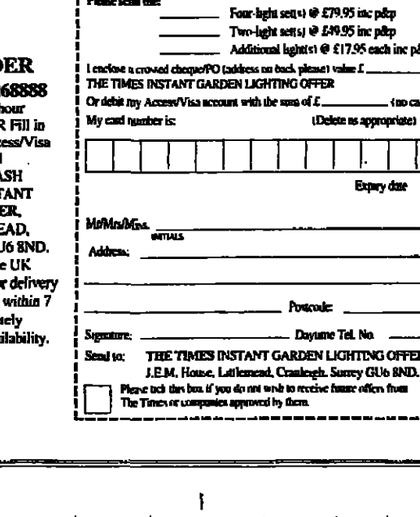

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Hopley and Hall fill vital roles

By Our Sports Staff

DAMIEN Hopley, the England rugby union centre, is a man of many skills and he will need them all if England are to beat Canada in their opening international match in Vancouver today.

The dextrous hands he put to such good use on the piano after last Saturday's post-match dinner will have to take over the distributor role vacated by the injury to Philip de Glanville and the big limbs that have broken players as good as Carling are the key to breaking Canada where they are weakest: in the mid-field.

His main problem is that he has discovered that his centre partner will be Stuart Potter, who has just stepped off the plane.

England have trained long and hard. Because of naivety about sports medicine, the result has been a season ticket to the local hospital. Too many players have gone down for it to be simply back luck.

If Hopley is the key in the backs, then Hall is the whole musical score in the forwards. That is where Canada's strength lies and Hall's hardness, nous and experience will be vital in undermining it.

Not that Canada have been without problems of their own. Gordon MacKinnon, the flanker, has damaged an ankle and was initially declared unavailable. What made their coach, Ian Birtwell, even more "furious" was that MacKinnon did not even bother to tell him.

Until as late as Tuesday, Birtwell was saying: "I don't know where he is." Apparently there has been some sort of a *rapprochement* and the two have made up. MacKinnon, providing his employers are agreeable, has been reinstated in the international side.

Ian Anderson, the South African referee, who will take charge of the second international match between Wales and Zimbabwe in Harare today, gave the Welsh forwards a lesson in lineout play that should stop them falling foul of his whistle.

In last weekend's first international in Bulawayo, Wales were penalised seven times and had four free kicks awarded against them at the lineout, which stopped them from building on their early lead. In the end, Wales triumphed 35-14, scoring only four tries, having run in two of them within seven minutes of the start.

The lifting regulations would appear to differ greatly between the two rugby-playing hemispheres and Anderson pointed out that the Welsh forwards should support their jumpers only after they had left the ground.

Having made four changes from the first international, the Wales selectors were forced to make a fifth yesterday when the full backs, Mike Rayer and Ian Jones, failed fitness tests on injured ankles and were ruled out. That means that Neil Jenkins will play at full back, a third successive different role for the Pontypridd player in as many tour games.

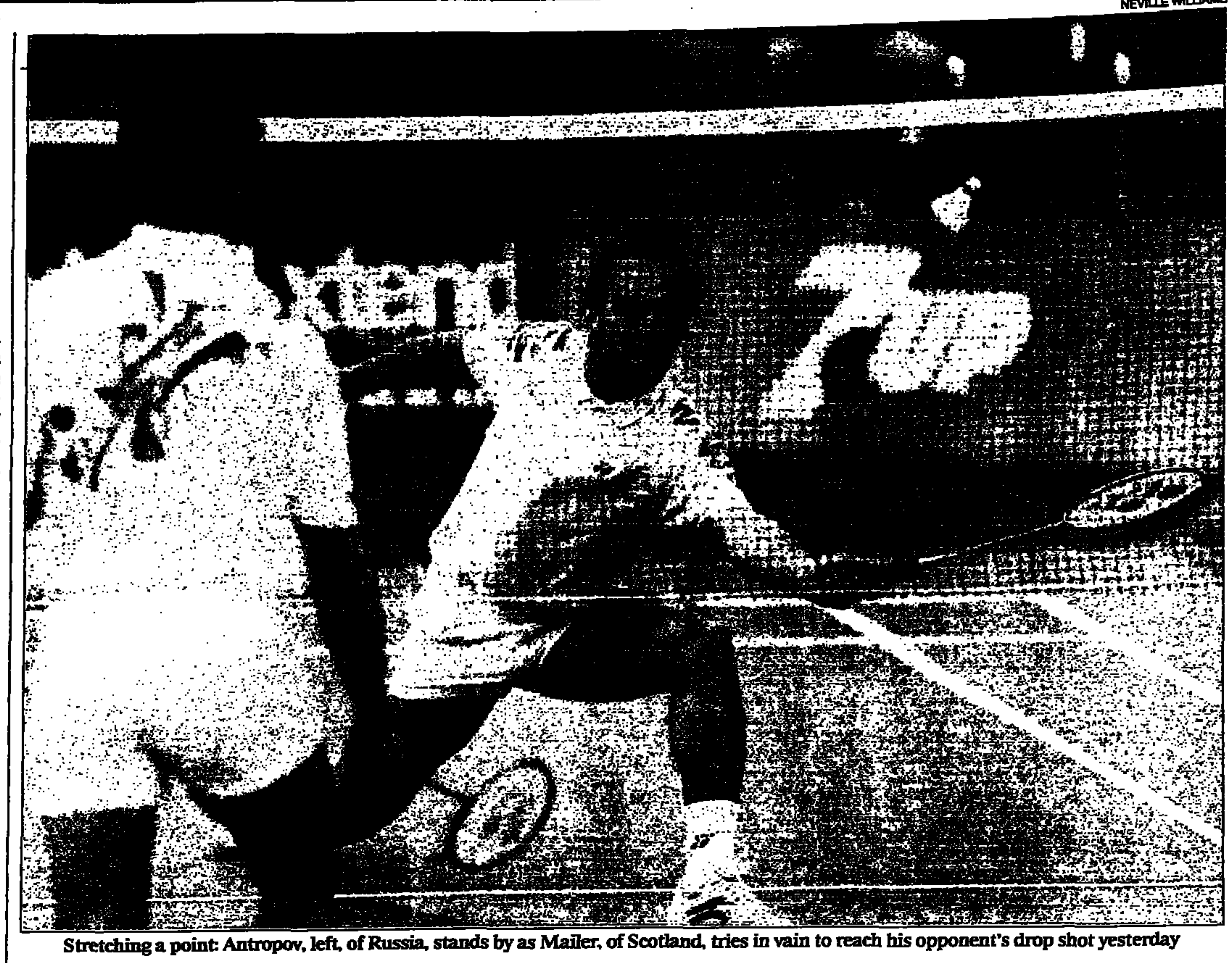
CANADA: S Stewart; J Loveday, S Gray, G Rees, D Lougheed; J Graf, C Tynan; E Evans, K Svoboda (capt), D Jackart, B Breen, J Knauer, A Sharron, G MacKinnon, G Ennis.

ENGLAND: D Pears (Harlequins); A Buzza (Wasps), S Potter (Leicester), D Hopley (Wasps), C Oti (Wasps); P Challinor (Harlequins), K Bracken (Bristol); G Rowntree (Leicester), J Olver (Northampton, capt), V Ubogu (Bath), J Hall (Bath), M Johnson (Leicester), A Blackmore (Bristol), N Back (Leicester), S Ojomoh (Bath).
Referee: S MacNeill (Australia)

ZIMBABWE: I Noble; W Schultz, M Letcher, D Walters (capt), V Olonga; C Brown, E MacMillan; G Snyder, B Beattie, A Garvey, S Landman, R Demblon, T Tabvuma, D Kirkman, B Dawson.

WALES: N Jenkins (Pontypridd); S Hill (Cardiff), R Bidgood (Newport), N Boobyer (Llanelli), W Proctor (Llanelli); A Davies (Cardiff), R Moon (Llanelli); M Griffiths (Cardiff), A Lamerton (Llanelli), J Davies (Neath), G Llewellyn (Neath, capt), E Lewis (Llanelli), P Arnold (Swansea), S Davies (Swansea), L Jones (Llanelli).
Referee: I Anderson (South Africa).

NEVILLE WILLIAMS



Stretching a point: Antropov, left, of Russia, stands by as Mailer, of Scotland, tries in vain to reach his opponent's drop shot yesterday

Gowers blames Clark as partnership ends

By Richard Eaton

GILLIAN Gowers and Gill Clark will end their successful doubles partnership after an acrimonious dispute became public knowledge at the world badminton championships in Birmingham. Following a career in which they have been among the sport's leading women's partnerships, Gowers and Clark will split at the end of next week, when the championships come to a close after the individual competitions.

It was the last thing the England team — of which Gowers and Clark are a part — that is competing in Birmingham had wanted to hear. Embroiled in a struggle to avoid relegation from the top group in the Sudirman Cup team event, there is now some question over whether the two players can play together in the relegation decider against Sweden today.

Although only six months ago the pair were close to winning the world grand prix title, Gowers felt the need to go public about the reasons for the split in Birmingham. "We decided to play together again only last November after separating previously and the arrangement was until the end of this year," she said, "but I found out at practice one day before the All England [March] when I asked her about tournaments later in the year. She hesitated and then told me she was going to play with somebody else. I was dumbfounded."

Gowers is partly upset because she claims it has left her little time to find another partner, though she is to play until December with Rosiana Tendean, the former world grand prix titleholder from Indonesia. But she added: "She [Clark] wins alone but loses with your help. I have been tense and had my pride hurt. But I am prepared to play together for England if required, this week and in future."

Clark responded: "This was all settled a long time ago. We only arranged to play together until the end of the world championships. The split is not a sudden thing that has happened here. And if Gillian has these feelings, she certainly hasn't expressed them to me."

In partnership with Joanne Wright, aged 20, Clark has already won the Swiss Open, but her famous pairing with Gowers, in two periods stretching back to 1984, has reached the final of the All England, won the European title and captured the Japan Open among a handful of other grand prix titles. At their best, they could beat anyone. Now the atmosphere between them threatens England's already-slim chances of surviving in the top group.

Cross on target in Havant romp

By Sydney Friskin

MATTHEW Cross scored three goals in succession as Havant romped to a 5-0 victory over GD Viso, of Portugal, in the B division of the European club hockey championship at Havant College yesterday. The lively Cross scored the first goal in the seventh minute almost on his own but relied on the creative powers of Garcia and Williams for the remaining two in the fourteenth and 26th minutes respectively.

The Portuguese, disruptive rather than inventive, had few answers, although Marques Silva and Oliveire Pinto showed fine turns of speed. Between them, they earned the only short corner in the first half. Stubborn defence by the opposition held Havant in check until the closing minutes when Williams scored twice.

Sue MacDonald, the prolific Glasgow Western striker, matched Cross's performance, scoring three goals in her side's 5-0 victory over Royal Leopold in the women's European club championship in Brussels. A penalty-corner goal by Sue Fraser, the Olympic bronze medal-winner, and a goal by Lyn Forsyth, the former Scottish international, completed the scoreline for the Scots, who led by three at the interval.

Slough also made a winning start when they deservedly beat Campo de Madrid 1-0. Jane Parkinson, the winger, hit the decisive 34th minute goal when she dived spectacularly to touch in a cross from Mandy Pottow.

However, there was no luck for Cardiff Athletic, who went down 3-0 to the holders, Amsterdam, nor for the Scottish men's team, Kelburne, 1-0 losers against Spanish side, Club Egara.

HAVANT COLLEGE RESULTS: Pool A: Tilvert (Fin) 1, Stockholm LHC 4; Havant 5, G D Viso (Por) 0. Pool B: WKS Grunwald (Pol) 7, Volan SC (Hun) 1.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship
Second day of four
11.0, 110 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Hampshire.
DARLINGTON: Durham v Kent.
GLOUCESTER (King's School): Gloucestershire v Worcestershire.
LIVERPOOL: Lancashire v Warwickshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Sussex.
TAUNTON: Somerset v Glamorgan.

Tetley Bitter Challenge
First day of three
11.0, 104 overs minimum
Leicester: Leicestershire v Australians

Other match
First day of three
11.30 to 6.30
The Parks: Oxford University v Nottinghamshire

FOOTBALL

World Cup
Group two
Poland v England (at Slaski Stadium, Chorzow, 7.30)

Barclays League
Third division play-off
Final
Crewe v York City (at Wembley, 2.30)

Tennents Scottish Cup
Final
Aberdeen v Rangers (at Parkhead, Glasgow)

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Sudirman Cup world team championships (Birmingham).
EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor International Horse Trials (Windsor Great Park).
GOLF: Volvo PGA Championship (Wentworth); Amateur Championship (Royal Portrush).
HOCKEY: European club championship: Men's B division: (Havant College, 10.0).
ROWING: National schools regatta (Holmepierrepont, Nottingham).
SPEEDWAY: First division: Bradford v Poole; Eastbourne v Reading; Kings Lynn v Ipswich. Second division: Swindon v Peterborough.
TENNIS: Women's over-40 world championship semi-finals (Bournemouth).
WATERSKIING: Carlsberg Export Masters (Kirton's Farm, Reading).

TOMORROW

Axa Equity & Law League
12.0, 55 overs
Checkley: Derbyshire v Hampshire.
Darlington: Durham v Kent.
Gloucester (King's School): Gloucestershire v Worcestershire.
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Warwickshire.
Lord's: Middlesex v Sussex.
Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan.

Tetley Bitter Challenge
Second day of three
11.0, 104 overs minimum
Leicester: Leicestershire v Australians.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (First day of two): Sleaford: Lincolnshire v Hertfordshire. Jesmond: Northumberland v Bedfordshire. Pressed Steel, Hoovers CC, Oxford: Oxfordshire v Shropshire. Ebbw Vale: Wales v Herefordshire. Westbury: Wiltshire v Devon.

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
Second division play-off
Final
Port Vale v West Brom (at Wembley, 2.30)

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Sudirman Cup world team championships (Birmingham).
CYCLING: Milk Race (Tunbridge Wells).
EQUESTRIANISM: Windsor International Horse Trials (Windsor Great Park).
GOLF: (Wentworth). Volvo PGA Championship; The Amateur Championship (Royal Portrush).
HOCKEY: European club championship: Men's B division: (Havant College, 10.0).
ROWING: National Schools regatta (Holmepierrepont, Nottingham).
SPEEDWAY: First division: Glasgow v Long Eaton; Newcastle v Rye House; Oxford v Edinburgh.
WATERSKIING: Carlsberg Export Masters (Kirton's Farm, Reading).

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Leading pointers in duel

MELTON Park, trailing Brunico by one for the leading horse award, makes the long trip from East Anglia to the **Exmoor** point-to-point today for the BFSS race (Brian Beel writes).

On hearing this, Peter Bowen changed his plan of going to the Ystrad with Brunico and decided to take him on. He is likely to be out again on Monday at the **South Tetcott**.

The BFSS has come too soon for Dick Baimbridge's Scally's Daughter to complicate the issue. It is unlikely that Alison Dare will have a ride in the ladies' race either, but could have two at the **Albrighton** on Monday.

This will give heart to her title challengers. Mandy Turner has two rides, Oriental Plume and Current Attack, at the Exmoor and two, Sweet On William and Upham Close, at the South Tetcott. Polly Curling has five today.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Exmoor: Bratton Down, ten miles north of South Moulton (first race 2.00); Ystrad, Llanwonno, 3m S of Mountain Ash (2.30).

Hatoof may thwart Alhijaz

JOHN Dunlop, with an eight-strong European raiding party this weekend, runs Alhijaz (Lester Piggott) in the £59,737 group one Prix d'Ispahan (1m 1f 50yd) at Longchamp tomorrow.

Alhijaz won the Gardner Merchant Mile at Sandown on his only start this term, but would prefer softer ground and may struggle against Criquette Head's 1992 1,000 Guineas winner Hatoof (Walter Swinburn).

The Henry Cecil-trained Placerville (Pat Eddery) and Richard Hannon's Revelation (Swinburn) are the two British hopes for Longchamp's other group one event, the Prix Jean Prat (1m 1f 50yd). The likely favourite here is the Elie Lellouche-trained Bigstone, second to Hunting Hawk in the Prix Greffuhle.

Needle Gun (Michael Roberts), Persian Brave (Michael Hills), White Muzzle (John Reid), Right Win (Richard Quinn) and Visto Si Stampi (Willie Carson) are the five British representatives for tomorrow's group one Derby Italiano (1m 4f) at the Capannelle, Rome.

France has two challengers, Paul Eddery rides Infrasonic for Andre Fabre and Francois Boutin runs Val Sauvage (Eric Saint-Martin).

The Con Collins-trained Master Tribe (Pat Gilson), a close fifth in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, is the sole Irish raider.

The Carson-Dunlop team, responsible for Visto Si Stampi, has sound claims in three of the supporting races. Casteddu goes for the listed Premio W W F (7f), Smarginato faces seven rivals in the listed Premio Nearco (1m) and unbeaten juvenile Suspiria goes for a second Italian victory in the Premio Luigia Foggi (5f).

Peter Chapple-Hyam, White Muzzle's trainer, has also booked John Reid for Rain Brother, who attempts to atone for his Italian 2,000 Guineas failure in the group two Premio Melton-Memorial Tudini (6f).

In Rome today, Reid has two rides for Dunlop — Arman's Sax in the listed Premio Lazio (1m 2f) and Captain Horatius in the group two Premio Ellington (1m 4f).

Alan Munro also has mounts in both those races, Iommelli for Paul Kelleway in the Lazio and Up Anchor for Paul Cole in the Ellington.

John Dunlop has booked Gary Carter to ride Azzilfi, fourth in the Lingfield Derby Trial, in the Grosser Hertie Preis (1m 3f) at Munich tomorrow. The probable favourite is Michael Kauntze's Shrewd Idea (Warren O'Connor), who chased home Armiger in the Chester Vase.

HEXHAM

THUNDERER
2.15 Tronchetto. 2.45 Dizzy. 3.15 Kanndabil. 3.45 Pit Pony. 4.15 Funny Old Game. 4.45 Orton House.

GOING: GOOD

2.15 RIDING NOVICES HURDLE
(£825: 2m 4f 110yd) (12 runners)

1 -312 IT'S THE PITS 14 (D,BF,S) L Lungo 6-11-10 T Reed
2 41 MINGUS 7F (F) R Fisher 6-11-10 Mr A Thornton (3)
3 5143 TARTAN TRADEWINDS 16 (D,BF,G) G Richards 6-11-10 M Moloney
4 5044 JUPITER MOON 29 (G) Mrs A Swinbank 4-11-4 M A Fitzgerald
5 4123 TRONCHETTO 42 (BF,F) J J O'Neill 4-11-4 G McCourt
6 P00 DOUGAL'S BIRTHDAY 21 G Coatsworth 7-11-2 A Merrigan
7 0060 MASTER BOSTON 24 R Woodhouse 5-11-2 J Driscoll (7)
8 4020 WAYWARD EDWARD 10 (B) Mrs S Lamyman 7-11-2 D Telfer
9 0P BECCY BROWN 16 F Walton 5-10-11 Mr A Robson
10 UP0 SUROT 22 Mrs J Jordan 7-10-11 D Morris
11 JOLLY GHOST R Barr 4-10-10 A Orkney
12 66P5 SEA PET 38 J Birkett 4-10-5 A Jones

9-4 It's The Pits, 3-1 Tronchetto, 4-1 Mingus, 11-2 Tartan Tradewinds, 8-1 Jupiter Moon, 12-1 others.

2.45 HILLTOP HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,255: 2m) (7)

1 6122 DIZZY 2F (D,F,G,S) P Monteith 5-12-0 A Dobbin (3)
2 5231 BEAUCADEAU 3 (CD,F) M Barnes 7-10-10 (6ex) A Orkney
3 2130 CASUAL PASS 3 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) L Lungo 10-10-3 T Reed
4 3140 CHEEKY POT 3 (F,S) Denys Smith 5-10-0 P Waggott (5)
5 5243 WHITEWEBB 3 (D,G,S) B Murray 6-10-0 M A Fitzgerald
6 0020 BALLYANTO 3 (F,S) C Parker 8-10-0 Mr D Parker (7)
7 006U JIM'S WISH 3 (B) T Cuthbert 5-10-0 Carol Cuthbert (7)

9-4 Beaucadeau, 7-2 Dizzy, 4-1 Casual Pass, 11-2 Whitewebb, 6-1 Cheeky Pot, 8-1 others.

3.15 BEST MUSIC METRO FM NOVICES CHASE
(£1,297: 2m 110yd) (10)

1 U0P1 ANTHONY BELL 23 (D,F) T Carr 7-11-10 A Orkney
2 3255 KANNDABIL 24 (B,D,G,S) N Tinkler 6-11-10 G McCourt
3 3561 MOSS BEE 17 (D,F) W Reed 6-11-10 T Reed
4 31PP OUR SURVIVOR 3 (B,D,F,G) J Parkes 9-11-10 N Smith
5 F2F5 SRIVIJAYA 17 (D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-10 R Hodge
6 P00/ COLONEL POPSKI 733 (F,S) R Barr 11-11-4 Mr N Tatty
7 0-65 EBORNEEZER'S DREAM 22 Mrs S Lamyman 10-11-4 D Telfer
8 00PF NORTHERN VISION 21 R Lamb 6-11-4 A Merrigan
9 3004 CHIC AND ELITE 17 (D,F) J J O'Neill 6-10-13 A Dobbin (3)
10 5044 DIZZY DEALER 28 Mrs J Jordan 6-10-13 D Morris

2-1 Srivijaya, 3-1 Kanndabil, 9-2 Anthony Bell, 5-1 Moss Bee, 8-1 Chic And Elite, 10-1 Dizzy Dealer, Our Survivor, 14-1 others.

3.45 SHIRE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£987: 2m) (13)

1 2F-P ROXKELLY BLUES 7 (B) T Barron 7-11-10 Mr A Thornton (3)
2 2654 JOHN NAMAN 24F (D,G) P Monteith 4-11-5 F Perratt (7)
3 5326 SPANISH WHISPER 47 (D,BF,G,S) J Bostock 6-11-5 W Marston (3)
4 0565 PIT PONY 17 (D,G,S) Miss L Perratt 9-11-1 M A Fitzgerald
5 4121 STATION EXPRESS 23 (CD,F,G) B Ellison 5-10-13 A Orkney
6 4000 HEAVENLY HOOFER 21 (D,F,G) J Goulding 10-10-7 C Dennis (3)
7 BPP0 PASSAGE TO FREEDOM 35 Mrs S Lamyman 11-10-4 D Telfer
8 -00P SWANK GILBERT 3 T Cuthbert 7-10-0 Carol Cuthbert (7)
9 5060 ALAMIR 29 (B) Mrs A Swinbank 5-10-0 J Railton
10 4040 AUGUST 3 (B,D,F) J Fort 12-10-0 P Waggott (5)
11 P-0P BROWN AS A BERRY 53 (B) R Gray 5-10-0 K Doolan
12 P-5P POLYNIKOS 10 R Thompson 7-10-0 D Skyrme
13 000R CORPORATE TYPE 28 (B) J Haynes 5-10-0 C Hawkins

5-2 Station Express, 7-2 John Naman, 4-1 Spanish Whisper, 7-1 Alamir, Pit Pony, 8-1 Heavenly Hoofer, 12-1 others.

4.15 DOTLAND HANDICAP CHASE
(£1,730: 3m 1f) (12)

1 1P21 DANTE'S INFERNO 16 (G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 7-11-12 T Reed
2 5P32 LAURIE-O 23 (C,F,G,S) R Lamb 9-10-11 A Merrigan
3 2262 RUN PET RUN 16 (C,G,S) P Monteith 8-10-11 A Dobbin (3)
4 6354 RADICAL LADY 16 (D,F,G,S) G Moore 9-10-9 J Callaghan
5 3U2U FUNNY OLD GAME 38 (BF,S) D McCune 6-10-7 Mr A Thornton (3)
6 2UP4 BARKIN 28 (C,G,S) G Richards 10-10-5 M Moloney
7 3364 BOW HANDY MAN 23 (D,G,S) Denys Smith 11-10-2 P Waggott (5)
8 1-23 WHEELIES NEWMEMBER 21 (C,F) Mrs A Hamilton 10-10-1 Miss P Robson
9 6P50 CHRISTMAS HOLLY 7 (C,F,G,S) R Wood 12-10-0 M A Fitzgerald
10 230P MAJIC RAIN 24 (C,G) G Coatsworth 8-10-0 R Hodge
11 P35- THE LADY'S PARTNER 369 (B,F) S Pittendrigh 11-10-0 Mr B Pollock (7)
12 4306 VANTARD 231 (B,F) Mrs J Jordan 11-10-0 D Morris

3-1 Dante's Inferno, 4-1 Radical Lady, Run Pet Run, 5-1 Bow Handy Man, 7-1 Funny Old Game, Laurie-O, 10-1 others.

4.45 JACK FAWCUS CHALLENGE CUP MAIDEN HURDLE
(Amateurs: £825: 3m) (12)

1 3235 BEE DEE BOY 14 G Richards 5-12-0 R Ford (7)
2 090- FINAL HOPE 385 R Tate 5-12-0 Mrs F Needham (7)
3 4F35 HONEST FRED 21 (V) J Edwards 7-12-0 T Jenks (5)
4 6542 LOOSE FLING 16 Mrs B Butterworth 8-12-0 Miss Sue Nichol (7)
5 00/ MACMURPHY 801 A Thomson 8-12-0 M Buckley (5)
6 6500 MAUREEN'S FANCY 3 J Parkes 8-12-0 B Pollock (7)
7 0435 ORTON HOUSE 16 J Charlton 6-12-0 A Thornton (3)
8 35UP DISTANT CHERRY 7 (B) D Lee 8-11-9 N Tutty (5)
9 0546 HIGHLAND RIVER 3 T Cuthbert 6-11-9 Mrs H Johnston (7)
10 OH SO CUTE P Beaumont 6-11-9 Miss A Armitage (7)
11 RAISE A SMILE A Thomson 7-11-9 NON-RUNNER
12 05P6 I'M CURIOUS 21 R Thompson 4-11-2 S Cully (7)

9-4 Loose Fling, 4-1 Highland River, 5-1 Bee Dee Boy, Honest Fred, 13-2 Orton House, 8-1 Final Hope, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Edwards, 5 winners from 14 runners, 35.7%; G Moore, 28 from 106, 26.4%; P Monteith, 11 from 44, 25.0%; N Tinkler, 5 from 20, 25.0%; G Richards, 33 from 135, 24.4%; L Lungo, 6 from 25, 24.0%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 12 winners from 43 rides, 27.9%; R Hodge, 7 from 45, 15.6%; P Waggott, 5 from 33, 15.2%; J Callaghan, 9 from 61, 14.8%; T Reed, 14 from 115, 12.2%; N Smith, 3 from 26, 11.5%.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Chepstow, Doncaster, Leicester, Redcar, Sandown, Cartmel, Fakenham, Hereford, †Hexham, Huntingdon, Fontwell, Uttoxeter, Wetherby. TUESDAY: Leicester, Redcar, †Sandown. WEDNESDAY: Epsom, Yarmouth, †Beverley, Uttoxeter. THURSDAY: Epsom, Beverley. FRIDAY: Epsom, Catterick, Southwell, †Haydock, †Goodwood, †Stratford. SATURDAY: Epsom, Edinburgh, Haydock, †Leicester, †Market Rasen, Stratford.

(Flat meetings in bold) † denotes evening meeting

CARTMEL

THUNDERER
2.25 Casa Bella. 2.55 Algari. 3.25 Keelby. 3.55 Brazen Gold. 4.25 Better Times Ahead. 4.55 Precipice Run.

Brian Beel: 3.55 Creeshla.

GOING: GOOD; GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES LAST 4F

2.25 CROWTHER HOMES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,150: 3m 2f) (14 runners)

1 2130 NORSTOCK 47 (F,G,S) J White 6-11-12 K Comerford (7)
2 6016 JULIETSKI 36 (V,F,G) M Hammond 5-11-4 S Lyons (5)
3 6000 ISOBAR 3 (C,F) M Chapman 7-11-2 W Worthington
4 032U INVITE D'HONNEUR 29 (G) C Broad 11-10-10 Jacqui Oliver
5 0060 NOBLE BID 49 (B,F,G) Miss S Wilton 9-10-8 H Davies
6 -000 ITALIAN TOUR 7 (F,G) Mrs G Plowright 13-10-6 A Mulholland
7 -645 FIESTA DANCE 47 (F) C Smith 10-10-6 M Robinson
8 -P06 HARRY LIME 3 (C,F,S) C Bridgett 8-10-3 Mr J Beardsall
9 FFP6 MISS TIMBER TOPPER 91 (F) Mrs V Aconley 9-10-2 C Woodall (7)
10 2101 CASA BELLA 16 (F,S) B Richmond 6-10-2 D Byrne
11 00F0 DE VALERA 3 (B,F) W Bentley 5-10-0 A Maguire
12 P33P TRENTSIDE VALOUR 7 (B) C Smith 8-10-0 M Ranger
13 4P4P CHILTERN WAY 142 (B) K Burke 7-10-0 R Supple
14 00PP BENTON'S PRIDE 165 R Juckes 5-10-0 C Llewellyn

3-1 Norstock, 4-1 Casa Bella, 5-1 Trentside Valour, 6-1 Invite d'Honneur, 8-1 Julietski, 12-1 Isobar, 14-1 Noble Bid, 16-1 Miss Timber Topper, 20-1 others.

2.55 MARTEN JULIAN HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,827: 2m 1f 110yd) (10)

1 F431 SONSIE MO 24 (F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-10 P Williams (5)
2 2123 CIRCULATION 17 (D,G,S) D McCain 7-11-8 R Dunwoody
3 4421 ALGARI 21 (D,F) G Richards 6-11-5 N Doughty
4 3U45 FROZEN MINSTREL 24 (F,G,S) J Johnson 9-11-4 A Maguire
5 21-2 ENSHARP 17 (F) S Gollings 7-11-3 M Brennan
6 3502 CLARES OWN 22 (C,D,F,S) J Wade 9-11-2 D Bentley (5)
7 5644 DUBALEA 3 (F,S) J Haldane 10-10-10 M Dwyer
8 3043 SLIPPERY MAX 29 (F,G) R Juckes 9-10-9 C Llewellyn
9 2230 RUPPLES 35 (D,F) M Chapman 6-10-6 W Worthington
10 2/F-U MR PANACHE 28 (F) J Hubbuck 11-10-4 M Robinson

4-1 Sonsie Mo, 5-1 Algari, Circulation, Ensharp, 13-2 Rupples, 7-1 Frozen Minstrel, 8-1 Slippery Max, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Richards, 13 winners from 39 runners, 33.3%; M Chapman, 12 from 71, 16.9%; J White, 8 from 50, 16%; D Moffatt, 5 from 32, 15.6%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: N Doughty, 8 from 20, 40%; D Byrne, 3 from 11, 27.3%; M Dwyer, 6 from 23, 26.1%; C Grant, 11 from 44, 25%; R Supple, 4 from 21, 19%; K Johnson, 3 from 17, 17.6%; W Worthington, 4 from 35, 11.4%.

3.25 BASS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,374: 2m 6f) (9)

1 U130 ABBOT OF FURNESS 14 (D,S) G Richards 9-12-0 N Doughty
2 2F40 DEB'S BALL 7F (C,F,G,S) D Moffatt 7-11-11 D J Moffatt (3)
3 0206 PETTY BRIDGE 8 (D,F,G,S) A James 9-10-11 R Bellamy
4 1211 BAY TERN 17 (D,F,G,S) T Dyer 7-10-10 P Harley
5 1/50P KEELBY 43 (G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-8 M Dwyer
6 0F00 GATHERING TIME 133 (D,G,S) J Johnson 7-10-5 A Maguire
7 3-64 FORWARD GLEN 37 (F) P Cheesbrough 6-10-4 C Grant
8 205- NEGATORY 8F (G,S) M Chapman 6-10-1 W Worthington
9 4523 CHEERFUL TIMES 47 (G,S) B McMahon 10-10-0 C Llewellyn

3-1 Bay Tern, 4-1 Deb's Ball, 11-2 Abbot Of Furness, 13-2 Petty Bridge 8-1 Cheerful Times, Forward Glen, 10-1 Keelby, 16-1 others.

3.55 BASS MAIDEN HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,865: 3m 2f) (15)

1 P335 BRAZEN GOLD 24 Sir John Barlow 7-12-0 D Barlow (7)
2 0P5- CHARTER FAIR 364 Miss S Robertson 9-12-0 R Ford (7)
3 CREESHLA R Bewley 6-12-0 T Scott (7)
4 /F5- EDEN SUNSET 584 Richard Collins 7-12-0 Chris Wilson (7)
5 5-65 GITCHE GUMME 9 Mrs T Kinsey 12-12-0 G Hanmer (7)
6 P/6/ JUST BROOK 1099 Dennis Hutchinson 14-12-0 S O'Sullivan (7)
7 64P/ LE JACOBIN 858 Miss C Dennis 10-12-0 A Wood (7)
8 04P0 LETHAL WEAPON 35 S Robinson 9-12-0 Simon Robinson (7)
9 F326 PRIDEAUX PRINCE 35 (B) Miss C Dennis 7-12-0 P Atkinson (7)
10 UP-4 RUN WEST 9 Mrs M Rebori 12-12-0 A Rebori (7)
11 /3 RUSSIAN LION 21 Mrs F Gray 12-12-0 Miss T Gray (7)
12 0-02 TARA BOY 9 W Francis 8-12-0 J W M Barlow (7)
13 353F DOLITINO 3 Miss Z Green 9-11-9 K Little (7)
14 P0/ PATRUSKA 752 T Beadle 7-11-9 N Wilson (5)
15 F TAMARA'S GIFT 9 Mrs D Cope 8-11-9 M Cope (7)

11-4 Brazen Gold, 3-1 Tara Boy, 5-1 Creeshla, 8-1 Prideaux Prince, Gitche Gumme, 10-1 Run West, Patruska, 14-1 others.

4.25 CARTMEL RACECOURSE BOOKMAKERS NOVICES CHASE
(£2,398: 3m 2f) (5)

1 12PP BETTER TIMES AHEAD 42 (G,S) G Richards 7-11-10 N Doughty
2 1324 TRUELY ROYAL 37 (G) J Charlton 9-11-6 A Maguire
3 4P6F ROSEHIP 24 (F) P Cheesbrough 8-11-2 K Johnson
4 B4PP SPY HILL 16 Mrs S Bramall 7-11-2 J Burke (7)
5 0F4F BRIGHT POLLY 17 J Haldane 7-10-11 P Williams (5)

10-11 Better Times Ahead, 2-1 Truely Royal, 7-1 Spy Hill, 10-1 others.

4.55 CLARENCE HOUSE HOTEL NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,024: 2m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 1412 PRECIPICE RUN 28 (BF,G,S) G Richards 8-11-11 N Doughty
2 000P CASTLERICHARDKING 18 (D,G) R Juckes 8-11-7 Martin Jones
3 3340 JOHN SHAW 24 (G) R O'Leary 5-11-7 M Dwyer
4 5005 KATIE'S JOKER 8 O O'Neill 7-11-3 A Maguire
5 0055 TRAP DANCER 16 B Mactaggart 5-11-3 S Lyons (5)
6 0100 SAOIRSE 128 (S) D Moffatt 5-11-2 D J Moffatt (3)

11-8 Precipice Run, 2-1 Saoirse, 6-1 Katie's Joker, 9-1 John Shaw, 12-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield: 8.45 Inonder. Southwell: 6.30 Leap of Faith. 7.00 Soviet Express. Doncaster: 5.20 Bold Thatcher. Haydock: 2.00 Poinciana. 2.30 Roger The Butler. 4.00 Bitter's End. 5.00 Flashfeet.

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THUNDERER
6.30 Golden Grand. 7.00 Kingston Brown. 7.30 Certain Way. 8.00 Beatle Song. 8.30 Burning Cost. 9.00 Our Mica.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 7F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.30 RANDALL MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £1,380: 5f) (7 runners)

1 0 CLASSICAL DON 23 J Jenkins 9-0 G Hind 1
2 GOLDEN GRAND R Williams 9-0 R Cochrane 2
3 GREENSON P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 3
4 NOORAN J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 4
5 20 LEAP OF FAITH 7 (B) D Loder 8-9 L Dettori 6
6 44 LUNAR RHAPSODY 14 M W Easterby 8-9 T Lucas 7
7 MAZINA R Whitaker 8-9 A Culhane 5

2-1 Greenson, 5-2 Nooran, 7-2 Leap Of Faith, 6-1 Golden Grand, 10-1 Mazina, 12-1 Lunar Rhapsody, 25-1 Classical Don.

7.00 LARWOOD HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,604: 7f) (7)

1 1524 KINGSTON BROWN 4 (B,C,G) D Loder 9-7 L Dettori 3
2 1-55 SOVIET EXPRESS 28 (B,G) P Cole 9-5 T Quinn 7
3 0-40 MELODIC DRIVE 10 P Felgate 8-10 J Lowe 4
4 0041 LARN FORT 8 (C,G,S) T Fairhurst 8-9 J Fanning 5
5 00-5 BROOMHOUSE LADY 38 M Johnston 8-7 Dean McKeown 1
6 0-05 BOLD TREASURE 33 (V) Mrs N Macauley 7-8 J Quinn 2
7 -R23 PERSONIMUS 54 J Wilson 7-7 L Charnock 6

2-1 Larn Fort, 3-1 Kingston Brown, 7-2 Personimus, 5-1 Melodic Drive, 7-1 Soviet Express, 10-1 Broomhouse Lady, 20-1 Bold Treasure.

7.30 VINES BROTHERS AGRICULTURAL CONTRACTORS LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,172: 1m) (5) SKY

1 0-20 AWESTRUCK 7 (F,S) W Haggas 8-11 G Duffield 1
2 1202 CERTAIN WAY 4 (CD,G) C Tinkler 8-11 M Birch 2
3 1110 DORAZINE 43 (CD,G,S) C Hill 8-6 J Quinn 5
4 6161 NELLIE'S GAMBLE 14 (CD,G,S) A Stringer 8-6 S Maloney (3) 3
5 0-04 ORIENTAL PRINCESS 19 R Hollinshead 8-6 A Garth (5) 4

7-4 Dorazine, 6-2 Nellies Gamble, 3-1 Certain Way, 4-1 Awestruck, 16-1 Oriental Princess.

8.00 ABACUS MUNICIPAL LTD CLAIMING STAKES (£1,380: 7f) (11) SKY

1 306 UCKERBY MOOR 15 W Barker 4-9-4 S Webster 1
2 4010 APPEALING TIMES 7 (C,D,G) D Chapman 4-8-12 S Wood 2
3 P WABWOM 7 J Glover 4-8-12 S D Williams (3) 10
4 5-60 LORD NEPTUNE 4 J Jenkins 4-8-10 L Dettori 5
5 5435 SALLY'S SON 14 (CD,BF,F,G) W O'Gorman 7-8-10 Emma O'Gorman (3) 7
6 0-03 WALK THAT WALK 14 (G) K Wingrove 4-8-9 O Pears (5) 3
7 0000 BEATLE SONG 12 (B,C,D,F,G) C Hill 5-8-7 J Quinn 9
8 4 JAKE THE PAKE 40 K Burke 3-8-3 D Holland 11
9 1402 FORMAESTRE 12 (CD,G) S Norton 3-8-0 Claire Balding (7) 8
10 3300 IRISH ROOTS 14 (V,CD,G) C Tinkler 3-7-13 F Norton 4
11 0040 RUM TEMPEST 8 (V) C Tinkler 3-7-13 L Charnock 6

9-4 Appealing Times, 9-2 Sally's Son, 5-1 Beatle Song, 11-2 Formaestre, 7-1 Irish Roots, 8-1 Walk That Walk, 12-1 Jake The Pake, 14-1 Uckerby Moor, 20-1 others.

8.30 BROAD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,380: 1m 4f) (7) SKY

1 00 CAST THE LINE 19 A Stewart 9-0 A McGlone 1
2 4222 DOC SPOT 8 J Wilson 9-0 J Fortune 4
3 0-55 BURNING COST 19 G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9 D Harrison (3) 2
4 00-6 FOLLINGWORTH GIRL 14 S Norton 8-9 O Pears (5) 7
5 04-0 MISS PIMPERNEL 17 B Hanbury 8-9 L Dettori 6
6 34 SANTA STELLAR 12 M Johnston 8-9 Dean McKeown 3
7 SLOE BRANDY M Prescott 8-9 G Duffield 5

2-1 Miss Pimpernel, 5-2 Doc Spot, 7-2 Santa Stellar, 9-2 Sloe Brandy, 10-1 Burning Cost, 12-1 Cast The Line, Follingworth Girl.

9.00 GUNN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,520: 5f) (5)

1 40-6 KIMBOLTON KORKER 8 J Balding 9-7 Claire Balding (7) 5
2 -451 SABO THE HERO 33 (V,CD,G) M Prescott 9-2 G Duffield 1
3 54-4 SAMANTHAS JOY 14 B McMahon 8-8 L Dettori 4
4 -052 OUR MICA 4 (V,D,S) J Berry 8-7 J Carroll 3
5 5535 DARDANELLE 8 W Barker 7-12 S Wood 2

9-4 Our Mica, 5-2 Sabo The Hero, Samanthas Joy, 7-2 Dardanelle, 6-1 Kimbolton Korker.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; W O'Gorman, 38 from 194, 19.6%; M Prescott, 21 from 109, 19.3%; A Stringer, 6 from 32, 18.8%; W Haggas, 8 from 43, 18.6%; S Norton, 19 from 108, 17.6%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 17 winners from 58 rides, 29.3%; L Dettori, 7 from 33, 21.2%; O Pears, 12 from 66, 18.2%; Emma O'Gorman, 31 from 195, 15.9%; G Duffield, 36 from 238, 15.1%; M Birch, 9 from 66, 13.6%.

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Criquette eyes Royal Ascot after defecting from Oaks

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

CRIQUETTE, a leading ante-post fancy for the Energizer Oaks, will miss the fillies' classic next Saturday, due to an infection.

Luca Cumani, trainer of the Shirley Heights filly, bought by Shaikh Mohammed from Gerald Leigh earlier this year, said yesterday: "It is very sad but she has had a slight infection involving an old scab, which just blew up last Wednesday.

"Despite working around the clock to try and get it better, it is not good enough for her to work tomorrow and she is now beginning to miss too much work.

"Old infections also release toxins in to the blood stream which do not make horses feel too good. She will be back and heads for the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot barring further setbacks, and then the Lancashire and Yorkshire Oaks."

Shaikh Mohammed paid an undisclosed but substantial sum for Criquette following two promising runs as a two-year-old, including an impressive victory in the Radley Stakes at Newbury, where Nicer, last Saturday's Irish 1,000 Guineas winner, was well beaten in fourth place.

Despite the setback, Britain's leading owner still holds a strong hand in the Oaks. The Andre Fabre-trained Intrepidity, an impressive winner of the Prix Saint-Alary at Longchamp, was elevated to joint 5-1 favouritism with Wemyss Bight and Yawl by Ladbrokes yesterday after she was confirmed a definite runner. Marillette, the Musidora Stakes winner who is also set to carry the Shaikh's maroon and white silks, is 6-1.

The form of the French fillies this season appears superior to that of their British counterparts and Wemyss Bight and Intrepidity still appeal as value bets, although a slight question mark hangs over the latter's stamina.

Seeing out the 12 furlongs at Epsom remains the main doubt concerning Barathea, one of 17 horses declared at yesterday's five-day stage for the Derby.

Cumani, trainer of the Irish 2,000 Guineas winner, commented: "He is guaranteed to stay a mile and a quarter. Michael Roberts thinks he is guaranteed to stay a mile and three furlongs, but he is naturally more optimistic than me.

"Barathea is in good form and has been working well. I just hope the rain stays away. I would like to see a good or good to firm surface."

The Derby declarations produced no surprises. Khaled Abdulla left in Tenby, Commander In Chief and Armiger and will not decide his Derby day line-up until Monday.

Grant Pritchard-Gordon, the Saudi prince's racing manager, said: "The most important thing from now on is the weather. That will influence Prince Khaled the most.

"He won't run more than two horses and I do not think he will run anything apart from Tenby if the ground is any firmer than good."

The official going at Epsom yesterday was good, with the final four furlongs good to soft.

The Abdulla-owned trio enjoyed two canters at Newmarket yesterday morning and delighted Henry Cecil. "They looked in very good order and had Henry eulogising," Pritchard-Gordon added.

William Hill bet 8-13 Tenby, 9-2 Armiger (with a run), 7-1 Commander In Chief, Fatherland, 12-1 Barathea, 14-1 Geisway, 16-1 bar.

Powerful hand: Abdulla will decide on Monday how many of his three fancied Derby hopes will run

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: LOOK WHO'S HERE
(2.30 Haydock Park)
Next best: Wagon Master
(4.50 Doncaster)

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

HAYDOCK PARK
BBC1

2.00: Poinciana can return to his best form on this rain-softened going. He has most to fear from Mary Reveley's White Willow.

2.30: Impressive though he was, Elle Shaped has been raised 10lb for his Chester victory on very different ground. Lord Olivier and Roger The Butler are closely matched, so it could pay to support **Southern Memories**, who was most impressive when winning at Windsor.

3.00: Barik was most disappointing on his latest start at Sandown, while Coneybury was even further behind that day. Spark ran well behind Dayflower at York, but Michael Stoute's **Princess Kris** catches the eye here. After a promising seasonal debut, she was brought back to a mile and simply sauntered home at Bath.

KEMPTON PARK
C4

3.10: Miss Pin Up is in great heart but **Rodeo Star** still looks well treated in spite of climbing the handicap this season. He can confirm earlier course and distance superiority over Robingo.

3.40: Vallance should be close to peak fitness after two runs and can take this at the expense of Alderbrook. Deer Hunt is not out of it in spite of top weight, but Trippiano looks weighted to the hilt on what he has achieved.

4.10: Front-running Fitzcarraldo was a creditable fourth in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, but **Port Lucaya** will be difficult to contain. He can supplement recent German gains. Mistle Cat is improving.

4.40: Those drawn high hold an advantage, so **Martinosky**, a fast-finishing second at Newmarket last time, can make the most of his position from the No 15 stall.

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2.10 Gold Land
2.40 Black Mischief
3.10 Provence
3.40 Vallance
4.10 Fitzcarraldo
4.40 TERRHARS (nap)

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 Mujaazafah.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 WAVE HILL.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.10 NEW ENGLAND CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,327: 6f) (4 runners)

1 (2) 1 GOLD LAND 28 (G) (F Salman) P Cole 8-13 ... T Quinn
2 (1) 641 ZUNO STAR 10 (D,F) (V Fatah) G Lewis 9-13 ... Paul Eddery 88
3 (3) 01045 WINDOW DISPLAY 8 (S) (Sheet & Roll Convertors Ltd) M Channon 8-11 ... J Williams 86
4 (4) MIDUSHI (P Savill) R Hannon 8-6 ... K Darley —

BETTING: 1-3 Gold Land, 11-2 Zuno Star, 8-1 Midushi, 12-1 Window Display.

1992: NEW CAPRICORN 8-7 R Cochrane (13-1) M Jarvis 11 ran

2.40 CALIFORNIAN MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,272: 1m) (19 runners)

1 (8) BEACON TOWERS (P Caley) J Toller 9-0 ... J Quinn —
2 (6) 4- JALIB 204 (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0 ... B Rouse 78
3 (14) 0-06 LEARMONT 7 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... S Raymont 98
4 (11) 0 MELLERIO 15 (Mrs D Cowley) G Lewis 9-0 ... W Woods 89
5 (4) 23- MUJAAZAFAH 227 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0 ... M Roberts
6 (5) 0- NOBLE RISK 224 (Hadfarour Stables Ltd) R Hannon 9-0 ... K Darley 82
7 (13) PARANGO (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 9-0 ... T Quinn —
8 (7) POXTON (Mrs J Farrell) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 ... Paul Eddery —
9 (12) 0 PROTON 15 (Tony Alper Cargoes Ltd) P Harris 9-0 ... W Newnes —
10 (16) 0- ROADRUNNER 252 (W Wightman) W Wightman 9-0 ... G Bardwell —
11 (13) SIR KRISPIN (Mrs F Harris) P Harris 9-0 ... N Adams —
12 (9) 2- BLACK MISCHIEF 233 (L Marinopoulos) H Cecil 8-9 ... W Ryan 96
13 (3) BORROWED AND BLUE (B Cooper) W Jarvis 8-9 ... R Day —
14 (7) 0- FUNNY HILARIOUS 210 (B Nielsen) J Fanshawe 8-9 ... D Biggs —
15 (10) 3 JETBEEAH 53 (B Mussabah) J Fanshawe 8-9 ... B Raymond 96
16 (15) 603- MIND THE ROOF 263 (Seymour Bloodstock (UK) Ltd) D Elsworth 8-9 ... J Williams 90
17 (1) 0-5 RACHELLY 23 (H C Racing) R Akehurst 8-9 ... R Perham —
18 (2) 56- SEDGY'S SISTER 379 (The Crown and Sceptre Partnership) P Jones 8-9 ... N Carlisle 77
19 (3) 60-5 SINGER ON THE ROOF 17 (J Smith) I Balding 8-9 ... L Dettori 98

BETTING: 9-4 Mujaazafah, 7-2 Black Mischief, 5-1 Jetbeeah, 7-1 Singer On The Roof, 8-1 Learmont, 10-1 others.

1992: MAHASIN 8-11 W Carson (5-1) J Dunlop 14 ran

3.10 CRAWLEY WARREN HANDICAP — C4
(£11,080: 2m) (12 runners)

1 (5) 011-215 ROBINGO 24 (B,D,F,G,S) (M & N Plant Ltd) M Pipe 4-10-0 ... M Roberts 94
2 (3) 12402- FAUGERON 234 (F) (Normandy Developments) R Akehurst 4-9-5 ... T Ashley (7) 90
3 (2) 0111/0/ DERAB 38J (B,F,G,S) (Mrs E Bowen) S Sherwood 7-9-1 ... J Williams —
4 (1) 361-036 BARDOLPH 24 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 6-9-1 ... T Quinn 96
5 (9) 46-3611 MISS PIN UP 8 (C,F,G) (E Badham) Pat Mitchell 4-9-1 ... D Biggs 98
6 (11) 240/11 RODEO STAR 24 (CD,F,S) (J Bradbury) N Tinkler 7-8-11 ... N Carlisle 98
7 (2) 1600-05 STAR QUEST 24 (CD,G,S) (D Michael) J Jenkins 6-9-10 ... L Dettori 90
8 (4) 00010/5 PROVENCE 40 (D,F) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 6-8-10 ... Paul Eddery 94
9 (7) 550-026 DOM WAC 24 (D,BF,F,G) (Vintage Racing) M Bell 5-8-7 ... M Fenton (5) 97
10 (12) 5/642 CALL THE GUV'NOR 19 (W Pascoeby) H Cecil 4-6-2 ... W Ryan 97
11 (6) 204600 HUNTING GROUND 15 (B) (Esprit de Corps Racing) A Bailey 5-7-7 ... A Mackay
12 (10) 2/0-50 JADIDH 12 (D Hazzard) Mrs J Dave 5-7-7 ... G Bardwell 93

Long handicap: Hunting Ground 7-1, Jadidh 7-1.

BETTING: 7-2 Rodeo Star, 5-1 Robingo, 6-1 Bardolph, Call The Guv'nor, Miss Pin Up, 10-1 Provence, 12-1 Dom Wac, 20-1 Faugeron, Hunting Ground, Star Quest, 25-1 Derab, 66-1 Jadidh.

1992: AUDE LA BELLE 4-8-2 F Norton (8-1) Mrs A Knight 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROBINGO beat Moll House 4l in Sandown (2m 110yd, good) handicap on penultimate start with BARDOLPH (9lb better off) ½l 3rd and STAR QUEST (11lb better off) 20½l 7th. MISS PIN UP beat Deduce ¾l in Newmarket (1m 6f, good) handicap. RODEO STAR beat Jack Button 2l in Chester (2m 2f 110yd, good to firm) handicap with ROBINGO (4lb better off) 3½l 5th, BARDOLPH (7lb better off) 3l 6th and HUNTING GROUND (12lb better off) ¾l 7th. STAR QUEST 15l 5th to Requested in Salisbury (1m 6f, firm) handicap with DOM WAC (4lb worse off) 2½l 6th. PROVENCE 4¾l 5th to Actan Punter in Nottingham (1m 6f, good) handicap. CALL THE GUV'NOR ½l 2nd to My Desire in Redcar (2m, good) handicap.
Selection: RODEO STAR

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Cecil	4	15	26.7	W Ryan	6	45	13.3
H Cecil	7	32	21.9	M Roberts	20	170	11.8
B Hanbury	7	39	17.9				
M Ryan	9	57	15.8				
L Cumani	7	45	15.6				
J Fanshawe	5	32	15.6	Only qualifiers			

3.40 BROKING HANDICAP — C4
(£5,216: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

1 (12) 0/122- DEER HUNT 241 (S) (Mrs P Makin) P Makin 4-10-0 ... T Quinn 89
2 (6) 121-111 ALDERBROOK 32 (D,G,S) (E Pick) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-6 ... Paul Eddery 93
3 (10) 0516-26 LANSTRY LADY 11 (V,C,F,G,S) (Mrs T Barrett) M Ryan 7-9-3 ... C Hodgson (5) 94
4 (3) 1223-08 VALLANCE 14 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 5-9-2 ... W Newnes 91
5 (2) 0060-00 WAVE HILL 14 (F,G) (J Whelan) P Hedger 4-8-11 ... K Darley
6 (7) 20-01 TRIPPIANO 24 (F) (Mrs M Burrell) H Cecil 3-8-9 ... W Ryan 95
7 (13) 04210-0 BLUE BLAZER 18 (S) (McHolland Syndicate) B Hanbury 3-8-8 ... B Raymond 85
8 (1) 3162-30 TALENTED TING 42 (D,F,G) (M Wickers) P Haslam 4-8-7 ... W Woods 92
9 (5) 212-600 GOOGLY 15 (C,D,BF,G,S) (A Lansley) W Wightman 4-8-6 ... G Bardwell 94
10 (3) 2/4244- TOP SONG 304 (Mrs A Valentine) R Akehurst 4-8-4 ... J Quinn 90
11 (4) 3003-60 REGAL AURA 24 (F) (Skytraders Racing) G Harwood 3-9-4 ... M Roberts 83
12 (14) 300,00 ASSEMBLY DANCER 7 (Miss B Palmer) D Williams 6-7-12 ... N Adams —
13 (8) 51400-0 THEMEDA 19 (G) (Mrs D Cobole) G Lewis 4-7-10 ... N Carlisle 94
14 (11) 411350 LA REINE ROUGE 14 (G) (L Hawkings) Mrs A Knight 5-7-7 ... A Mackay 81

Long handicap: La Reine Rouge 6-13

BETTING: 7-4 Alderbrook, 5-1 Googly, 7-1 Deer Hunt, Trippiano, 8-1 Vallance, 10-1 Regal Aura, 12-1 Lanstry Lady, Blue Blazer, Top Song, 14-1 others.

1992: BARRISH 6-9-10 T Quinn (8-1) R Akehurst 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

DEER HUNT ¾l 2nd of 13 to Race Elegance in Newmarket (1m 2f, good) handicap. ALDERBROOK completed treble beat Surrey Dancer 1½l in 16-runner Nottingham (1m 2f, good to soft) handicap with VALLANCE (7lb better off) 16½l 11th. LANSTRY LADY ½l 2nd of 20 to Nobby Barnes in apprentice jockeys' handicap here (1m, good) on penultimate start. VALLANCE 1½l 6th of 21 to Devilry in Newbury (1m 2f, good) handicap. WAVE HILL 6¼l 6th of 16 to Jade Vale in Newbury (1m, good) handicap. TRIPPIANO beat Barbaukh 1½l in 6-runner Salisbury (1m, firm) maiden. REGAL AURA 13½l 6th of 12 to Eastern Memories at Sandown (1m, good to soft) handicap on penultimate start.
Selection: ALDERBROOK

4.10 CRAWLEY WARREN HERON STAKES — C4
(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £14,312: 1m) (8 runners)

1 (1) 21411-6 ARDKINGLASS 42 (BF,F,G) (Sir David Wills) H Cecil 9-3 ... W Ryan 88
2 (5) 053-311 PORT LUCAYA 10 (B,D,F,G) (Lucayan Stud Ltd) R Hannon 9-3 ... L Dettori 89
3 (3) 230-610 FIRM PLEDGE 20 (F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 9-12 ... T Quinn
4 (2) 2333-44 FITZCARRALDO 14 (F) (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-12 ... M Roberts 97
5 (4) 21 MISTLE CAT 15 (D,G) (P Choi) S Woods 9-12 ... W Woods 86
6 (8) 136- RAPID SUCCESS 256 (F) (I Akazawa) D Elsworth 8-12 ... J Williams 68
7 (6) 2 SECRET ALY 64 (B Yook) C Brittain 8-12 ... B Raymond 89
8 (7) 140- URRY URRY URRY 271 (G) (Lady Matthews) R Williams 8-7 ... D Biggs 80

BETTING: 7-4 Fitzcarraldo, 2-1 Port Lucaya, 7-2 Firm Pledge, 6-1 Ardkinglass, 10-1 Mistle Cat, 14-1 others.

1992: TORREY CANYON 8-12 R Cochrane (5-1) R Charlton 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARDKINGLASS beat White Crown 2½l in 7-runner Newmarket (7f, good) listed race on penultimate start. PORT LUCAYA beat Lasko 2½l in 10-runner Baden-Baden (1m 1f, good) listed race. Previously beat Fret 1l in 9-runner Sandown (1m, good to firm) stakes race with FITZCARRALDO (5lb better off) 6¾l 4th. FIRM PLEDGE beat Mabla 1½l in 6-runner Newmarket (7f, good) stakes race on penultimate start. FITZCARRALDO 1¾l 4th of 11 to Barathea in group 1 Irish 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh (1m, yielding). MISTLE CAT beat River Boss ¾l in 20-runner Newbury (1m, good) maiden.
Selection: FITZCARRALDO

4.40 UNDERWRITING HANDICAP — C4
(£5,131: 6f) (18 runners)

1 (1) 1-42304 HARD TO FIGURE 17 (D,F,G,S) (J Morsell) R Hodges 7-10-0 ... S Drowne (7) 95
2 (9) 200-054 VENTURE CAPITALIST 18 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs J Hamer) R Hannon 4-9-12 ... B Raymond 95
3 (7) 316000- ARABELLAJILL 203 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Cash) R Hannon 4-9-9 ... D Biggs 90
4 (10) 3050-64 TERRHARS 21 (F,G) (H Bambrook) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-9 ... R Perham 93
5 (6) 0500-25 MASSIBA 18 (D,F,S) (F Sainsbury) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-8 ... D McCabe (7)
6 (8) 000-303 AUGHFAD 10 (V,D,F,G,S) (M MacCarthy) T Casey 7-9-6 ... W Newnes 96
7 (14) 1060-05 FINJAN 23 (D,F) (Mrs R Olivier) M Ware 6-9-5 ... N Day 92
8 (18) 002030- BERTIE WOOSTER 224 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss A Rawding) P Murphy 10-9-4 ... W Ryan 92
9 (16) 422403- EASY LINE 283 (CD,F,G,S) (D Croft) P Felden 10-9-4 ... Michael Denaro (7) 89
10 (13) 2615-30 PADDY CHALK 14 (D,F,G) (Mrs R Wellman) L Holt 7-9-2 ... Paul Eddery 96
11 (12) 060-200 SO RHYTHMICAL 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss C Barrow) G Eden 9-9-0 ... G Bardwell 96
12 (17) 1/05-0 EL CORTES 7 (D,G) (A Andreou) M Haynes 4-8-8 ... B Rouse —
13 (4) 63614-0 CHILI HEIGHTS 14 (D,S) (B Attenborough) G Balding 3-8-5 ... M Roberts 93
14 (3) 2180-05 CATHERINEOFARAGON 33 (D,S) (T Mountain) W Wightman 3-8-5 ... J Williams 95
15 (2) 10-140 HONEY SEEKER 8 (D,G) (P Savill) T Thomson Jones 4-8-2 ... K Darley 96
16 (5) 102000- BELFORT RULER 253 (D,F) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 6-8-1 ... N Adams 88
17 (15) 006-102 MARTINOSKY 28 (D,F,G) (D Clark) G Bravery 7-8-0 ... N Carlisle 95
18 (11) 112035 PRETONIC 21 (D,F,G) (B Yeardley Continental Ltd) M Johnston 5-7-11 ... T Williams 95

BETTING: 5-1 Aughfad, 6-1 Paddy Chalk, 7-1 Venture Capitalist, 8-1 Chili Heights, Hard To Figure, 10-1 Terrhars, So Rhythmical, Martinosky, 12-1 Easy Line, Pretonic, 14-1 others.

1992: CEE-EN-CEE 8-8-8 T Quinn (3-1 fav) M McCourt 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

HARD TO FIGURE 1l 4th of 5 to Casteddu in York (7f, good) stakes race. VENTURE CAPITALIST ¾l 4th of 14 to Branston Abby in York (6f, good to soft) handicap with MASSIBA (2lb better off) 3l 5th and HARD TO FIGURE (same terms) 6l 13th. ARABELLAJILL 8¾l 9th of 17 to Blyton Lad in Doncaster (6f, good) listed race. TERRHARS 2l 4th of 12 to Heavenly Risk in Bath (5f, firm) handicap. MASSIBA head 2nd of 22 to Languedoc in Leicester (6f, good) handicap on penultimate start with MARTINOSKY (1lb better off) 9¾l 10th and PRETONIC (7lb better off) 8½l 18th. AUGHFAD ½l 3rd of 13 to Castlerea Lad in Goodwood (6f, good to firm) handicap. CHILI HEIGHTS 4l 7th of 21 to Everglades in Newbury (6f, good) handicap with PADDY CHALK (same terms) 1½l 9th. MARTINOSKY ¾l 2nd of 18 to Castlerea Lad in Newmarket (6f, good) handicap with AUGHFAD (1lb better off) 6¾l 12th.
Selection: VENTURE CAPITALIST

DONCASTER

THUNDERER

2.20 Jazeel. 2.50 Walking The Plank. 3.20 Palacegate Touch. 3.50 Aroom. 4.20 Azhar. 4.50 Yeltzin. 5.20 Naif.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.50 WAGON MASTER (nap).

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; 1M ROUND, LOW NUMBERS SLIGHT ADVANTAGE — SIS

2.20 EBF ZETLAND MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,640: 6f) (16 runners)

1 6 ABSOLUTELY FAYRE 32 P Harris 9-0 ... J Fortune 11
2 0 BELLROI 35 M Tompkins 9-0 ... S Mulvey (7) 3
3 2 BRAILLE 14 M Johnston 9-0 ... Dean McKeown 8
4 46 GOLDEN STAR 16 T Fairhurst 9-0 ... J Fanning 15
5 0 GREENFINCH 16 R Hannon 9-0 ... T Sprake 14
6 JAZEEL J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Carson 16
7 42 JOHNNIE THE JOKER 10 J Leigh 9-0 ... D Nicholls 2
8 0 MAJESTIC HEIGHTS 10 R Hannon 9-0 ... G Hind 13
9 0 PICCOLO 14 (BF) M Channon 9-0 ... D Holland 7
10 POLISH LAUGHTER B Hanbury 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 9
11 SCHNOZZLE M Fetherston-Godley 9-0 ... D Harrison (3) 6
12 6 SONNETEER 40 (BF) M H Easterby 9-0 ... M Birch 5
13 SPENVALLEY-KING W Bentley 9-0 ... R Lappin 4
14 STEPHENSONS ROCKET J Berry 9-0 ... G Carter 1
15 STORM LEADER M Britain 9-0 ... M Wigham 12
16 08 HOTCROFT 14 R Whitaker 8-9 ... A Culhane 10

2-1 Jazeel, 5-2 Braille, 5-1 Johnnie The Joker, 8-1 Golden Star, 12-1 Stephensons Rocket, 14-1 Sonneteer, 16-1 Bellroi, 25-1 others.

2.50 NORTHERN RACING SCHOOL FURNITURE FACTORS LTD APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,611: 1m Rnd) (6)

1 -014 WALKING THE PLANK 14 (D,G) P Walwyn 4-10-0 ... D Harrison 4
2 3421 TAWAFIJ 7 (S) R Allan 4-9-10 ... Stephen Davies 6
3 1511 SWEET MIGNONETTE 19 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-9 ... S Copp (8) 1
4 00-4 LEAVE IT TO LIB 59 (D,F) P Calver 6-8-13 ... J Tate 2
5 000- SIR ARTHUR HOBBS 221 (C,D,F,G) F Lee 6-8-10 ... K Rutter 5
6 0-52 PRINCESS OF ORANGE 7 W Brisbourne 4-8-4 ... A Garth 3

5-4 Sweet Mignonette, 5-2 Tawafij, 9-2 Walking The Plank, 8-1 Sir Arthur Hobbs, 14-1 others.

3.20 GAZETTE, HERALD RYEDALE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £5,089: 6f) (9)

1 0-44 STORITHS 25 (D,G) J Watts 9-7 ... W R Swinburn 5
2 10-6 PALACEGATE TOUCH 60 (D,G,S) J Berry 9-6 ... G Carter 8
3 1320 LUCAYAN TREASURE 44 (V,D,G) D Loder 9-6 ... F Norton 4
4 200- GREENLET 217 (F) M Stoute 9-2 ... D Holland 9
5 143- ALASIB 264 (F) W Jarvis 8-11 ... D Harrison (3) 6
6 36-0 DALALAH 46 (CD,F) H Thomson Jones 8-11 ... W Carson 1
7 -331 HOTARIA 10 (D,F,S) R Whitaker 8-6 ... A Culhane 2
8 -000 RAIN SPLASH 19 (G) J Balding 8-6 ... Claire Balding (7) 3
9 0504 MURPHY'S HOPE 19 M Heaton-Ellis 7-12 ... J Lowe 7

9-4 Lucayan Treasure, 4-1 Hotaria, 5-1 Palacegate Touch, 6-1 Alasib, 12-1 others.

3.50 GRESLEY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,898: 5f) (7)

1 3-03 AROOM 24 C Benstead 9-0 ... W Carson 7
2 6-30 DAYJUZ 35 F Lee 9-0 ... G Carter 2
3 50-0 DISCO BOY 12 B McMahon 9-0 ... Dean McKeown 6
4 00 OSCAR THE SECOND 19 T Fairhurst 9-0 ... J Fanning 5
5 0- SHALAKO 250 K Hogg 9-0 ... J Lowe 4
6 3-20 THE FED 9 R Whitaker 9-0 ... A Culhane 1
7 43- VISIMOTION 378 M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 3

11-10 Aroom, 3-1 Visimotion, 6-1 The Fed, 10-1 Dayjuz, 12-1 Disco Boy, 16-1 others.

4.20 HAYSELDEN AUDI VW HANDICAP
(£4,836: 1m 4f) (8)

1 222- KIVETON KABOOZ 204 (D,F,G) J Glover 5-9-10 ... J Fortune 8
2 38-1 REDSTELLA 15 (S) R Whitaker 4-9-9 ... A Culhane 2
3 04-4 DREAMS END 15 (B,S) J Scargill 5-9-3 ... R Cochrane 3
4 -453 AZHAR 16 (F) M Stoute 3-8-8 ... W R Swinburn 1
5 200- AZUREUS 224J (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-8 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 4
6 -556 MAD MILITANT 23 (BF,D,F,G) R Hollinshead 4-8-5 ... W Carson 5
7 -061 LEGION OF HONOUR 28 (D,F,G) M Naughton 5-8-4 ... D Harrison (3) 7
8 5000 LABURNUM 8 (G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-2 ... D Holland 6

3-1 Azureus, 4-1 Mad Militant, 5-1 Azhar, Laburnum, 11-2 Legion Of Honour, 8-1 Redstella, 12-1 Kiveton Kabooz, 20-1 Dreams End.

4.50 JANE McKERRON'S 'HIGH FLIER' ROMANTIC NOVEL CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,465: 1m 2f 60yd) (6)

1 11 SOVIET LINE 30 (D,G) M Stoute 9-5 ... W R Swinburn 5
2 10 HILARY GERRARD 38 (S) Mrs J Cecil 9-1 ... M Birch 1
3 03-5 TYKEYVOR 38 (C,F) M Tompkins 9-1 ... P Robinson 2
4 1 WAGON MASTER 30 (B) A Stewart 9-1 ... W Carson 6
5 01-0 BEAUMAN 21 (S) B McMahon 8-11 ... Dean McKeown 3
6 1-35 YELTSIN 21 (BF,S) H Cecil 8-11 ... R Cochrane 4

7-4 Soviet Line, 2-1 Yeltsin, 3-1 Wagon Master, 8-1 Tykeyvor, 14-1 Hilary Gerrard, 20-1 Beauman.

5.20 FRICKLEY MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,611: 1m Rnd) (8)

1 00 AJDAYT 30 A Stewart 9-0 ... S Whitworth 6
2 -225 BOLD THATCHER 9 (B) P Harris 9-0 ... M Birch 3
3 00 D SEVEN 14 H Collingridge 9-0 ... C Hawksley (7) 7
4 60 MONSIGNOR PAT 14 H Cecil 9-0 ... A McGlone 4
5 5-30 MOVE SMARTLY 52 F Lee 9-0 ... R Lappin 1
6 3- MUSTAKIM 235 R Armstrong 9-0 ... W Carson 5
7 3-0 NAIF 26 L Cumani 9-0 ... R Cochrane 8
8 50- QUEENS CONSUL 218 B Rothwell 8-9 ... D Harrison (3) 2

13-8 Naif, 5-2 Bold Thatcher, 5-1 Monsignor Pat, 13-2 Mustakim, 12-1 Move Smartly, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 26 winners from 75 runners, 34.7%; M Fetherston-Godley, 3 from 13, 23.1%; R Armstrong, 7 from 32, 21.9%; L Cumani, 11 from 57, 19.3%; A Stewart, 7 from 37, 18.9%; M Stoute, 13 from 73, 17.8%; J Berry, 18 from 102, 17.6%.

JOCKEYS: D Harrison, 3 winners from 22 rides, 13.6%; W Carson, 23 from 183, 12.6%; R Cochrane, 14 from 124, 11.3%; R Lappin, 3 from 27, 11.1%; A McGlone, 3 from 28, 10.7%. Only qualifiers.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

6.15 Phrose. 6.45 Romanian. 7.15 Moment Of Glory. 7.45 Without A Flag. 8.15 Latest Flame. 8.45 Serious Hurry.

GOING: STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER); GOOD (TURF) — SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; 7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.15 HALL APPRENTICE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,448: 1m 2f) (11 runners)

1 0600 BEAT THE BAGMAN 16 L Holt 9-0 ... Iona Wands (8) 5
2 DO BE WARE J Ffitch-Heyes 9-0 ... D O'Neill (5) 2
3 MORSTOCK R Hodges 9-0 ... D O'Neill (5) 9
4 -320 PHROSE 15 R Hannon 9-0 ... A Whelan (3) 10
5 0-04 RED WHIRLWIND 12 M Stoute 9-0 ... K Pattinson (3) 7
6 33 RUNAWAY PETE 12 P Cole 9-0 ... J O'Dwyer 11
7 552 SHARAAR 17 W Haggas 9-0 ... Sally Radford-Howes (3) 3
8 0 TAKE A FLYER 12 R Hodges 9-0 ... G Milligan 4
9 -400 ASCOM PAGER TOO 19 P Howling 8-9 ... Debbie Biggs (3) 6
10 0- IMPERIAL FORTE 255 R Williams 8-9 ... Sarah Thompson (8) 8
11 0 MAI-TU-TU 14 T McGovern 8-9 ... J Dennis 1

5-2 Runaway Pete, 3-1 Red Whirlwind, 7-2 Phrose, 9-2 Sharaar, 10-1 Imperial Forte, 14-1 Take A Flyer, 16-1 others.

6.45 PATIO SELLING HANDICAP
(All-weather: £2,532: 2m) (14)

1 6006 INTRICACY 14 (B) C C Elsey 5-10-0 ... M Roberts 2
2 -100 ROMANIAN 63 (C,B) R Akehurst 5-9-11 ... M Perrett 3
3 600/4 BARCHAM 8 (F) G Pritchard-Gordon 6-9-5 ... N Day 8
4 0300 GEE DOUBLE YOU 19 (F) D Haydn Jones 7-9-5 ... J Williams 5
5 4360 SIMON ELLIS 16 D Laing 4-9-3 ... A Tucker 13
6 3025 PRESENT TIMES 29J (C,G) A Moore 7-9-3 ... N Adams 12
7 035/ CARFAX 26J R Hoad 8-9-2 ... W Newnes 7
8 4502 DR ZEVA 23 (C,F,G) M Dixon 7-8-13 ... D Wright (7) 6
9 -000 WRITTEN AGREEMENT 49J R Peacock 5-8-8 ... D McCabe (7) 14
10 45-0 CAROLES CLOWN 100 (F) M Haynes 7-8-8 ... D Toole (7) 10
11 60-0 BRONZE RUNNER 61 (B,C,F,G) S Mellor 9-8-4 ... Antoinette Armes (7) 11
12 0-40 BAEZA 26 D Loder 3-8-2 ... K Darley 1
13 00-0 DOTTY'S WALKER 53 C Cyzer 3-8-2 ... D Biggs 4
14 00-0 SHEER ECSTASY 32 P McEntee 3-7-13 ... S Dawson 9

4-1 Dr Zeva, 5-1 Present Times, 7-1 Intricacy, Barcham, 8-1 Romanian, 10-1 Bronze Runner, Baeza, 12-1 Simon Ellis, 14-1 Gee Double You, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Stoute, 11 winners from 51 runners, 21.6%; N Callaghan, 19 from 91, 20.9%; P Cole, 37 from 182, 20.3%; C C Elsey, 24 from 141, 17%; R Guest, 6 from 42, 14.3%; P Mitchell, 25 from 187, 13.4%.

JOCKEYS: M Roberts, 31 winners from 155 rides, 18.8%; B Raymond, 18 from 103, 17.5%; B Russell, 6 from 39, 15.4%; B Doyle, 17 from 142, 12.0%; J Williams, 53 from 479, 11.1%; W Newnes, 27 from 243, 11.1%.

7.15 EBF LINGFIELD MAIDEN STAKES — SKY
(2-Y-O: £3,874: 6f) (16)

1 0 BANDAR PERAK 12 S Dow 9-0 ... C Rutter 9
2 CHILIGRAY J Dunlop 9-0 ... B Raymond 16
3 4 KNIGHTRIDER 22 C James 9-0 ... W Newnes 12
4 MAKE A NOTE R Hannon 9-0 ... K Darley 7
5 MOMENT OF GLORY R Williams 9-0 ... G Bardwell 14
6 0 MR MORIARTY 14 M Jarvis 9-0 ... N Day 6
7 NO SPEECHES C Cyzer 9-0 ... D Biggs 4
8 SHRNAK W Haggas 9-0 ... M Roberts 5
9 SLASHER JACK R Hannon 9-0 ... R Perham 3
10 TALYGARN D Haydn Jones 9-0 ... J Williams 2
11 CABCHARGE PRINCESS M Tompkins 8-9 ... P Robinson 1
12 GLORIETTE R Guest 8-9 ... W Woods 11
13 0 HUMMINGBIRDPRINCESS 23 A Moore 8-9 ... N Adams 15
14 0 MIGHTY KINGDOM 7 J Sutcliffe 8-9 ... A Tucker 10
15 TAMAR'S BRIGADE M McCormack 8-9 ... A Clark 8
16 0 ZORAHAYDA 15 G L Moore 8-9 ... B Rouse 13

7-2 Chiligray, 9-2 Make A Note, 5-1 Shrnak, 7-1 Slasher Jack, 8-1 others.

7.45 KING POST MAIDEN HANDICAP — SKY
(All-weather: £3,231: 7f) (10)

1 0-20 SYLVAN BREEZE 14 (V) P Mitchell 5-10-0 ... W Newnes 1
2 -536 RAGING THUNDER 14 (B) G Lewis 3-9-8 ... K Darley 9
3 4203 WITHOUT A FLAG 14 (BF) C Cyzer 3-9-5 ... D Biggs 7
4 0-03 JULY BRIDE 19 G L Moore 3-9-1 ... B Rouse 8
5 3052 ARAGON KING 33 Miss G Kelleway 3-9-1 ... D McCabe (7) 4
6 0-00 CASHABLE 38 (V) D Thom 3-9-0 ... J Williams 3
7 -258 WELL BOUGHT 23 (BF) C Lines 4-8-11 ... B Raymond 2
8 3240 GENESIS FOUR 22 (B) J Jenkins 3-8-5 ... B Doyle (3) 5
9 -005 CHEREN BOY 5 B Forsey 4-8-2 ... N Adams 10
10 000- JELLYROLL BLUES 215 D Laing 4-8-1 ... A Tucker 6

7-2 July Bride, 9-2 Without A Flag, 6-1 Genesis Four, Sylvan Breeze, 7-1 others.

8.15 CORRIDOR HANDICAP — SKY
(3-Y-O: £3,669: 1m 2f) (10)

1 -115 MIDNIGHT HEIGHTS 15 (BF,S) J Dunlop 9-7 ... B Raymond 7
2 2-40 CASHELL 23 (BF) M Stoute 9-5 ... M Roberts 3
3 0-00 LATEST FLAME 11 (F) M Channon 8-12 ... W Newnes 2
4 32-0 SECRET ASSIGNMENT 43 C Cyzer 8-11 ... A Clark 8
5 53-4 SMART DAISY 24 I Balding 8-7 ... S O'Gorman 6
6 0-03 DESERT NOMAD 19 S Dow 8-5 ... C Rutter 5
7 -002 STALLED 14 P Walwyn 8-4 ... D Biggs 10
8 2200 EXCESS BAGGAGE 14 (C,G) N Callaghan 8-2 ... N Carlisle 1
9 3-00 QUEENS CONTRACTOR 14 M Heaton-Ellis 8-2 ... D McCabe (7) 9
10 0603 KISMETIM 10 B Meehan 7-11 ... B Doyle (3) 4

7-2 Cashell, 9-2 Midnight Heights, 5-1 Stalled, 7-1 Latest Flame, 8-1 Secret Assignment, Kismetim, 10-1 Queens Contractor, 12-1 others.

8.45 BANNISTER HANDICAP — SKY
(£3,122: 5f) (14)

1 320- SHARPTINO 147J S Dow 4-10-0 ... B Russell (7) 7
2 0030 HARDLINER 14 (C,F) C Wall 4-9-10 ... W Woods 11
3 4010 SERIOUS HURRY 9 (CD,F,G) C C Elsey 5-9-9 ... W Newnes 14
4 -302 CALL TO THE BAR 12 (D,G) M McCormack 4-9-8 ... A Clark 13
5 0-00 SPRING HIGH 3 (B,D,F,G) K Ivory 6-9-7 ... C Scally (7) 10
6 000- SHADES OF JADE 254 (CD,F) J Bridger 5-9-0 ... J Williams 5
7 -000 BELTHORN 22 J Bridger 4-8-9 ... G Bardwell 12
8 4141 BARBEZIEUX 4 (D,F,G,S) D Wilson 6-8-8 (4ex) ... D McCabe (7) 3
9 3305 PURBECK CENTENARY 12 (C,G) P Howling 3-8-6 ... K Darley 6
10 000 HARD ROCK MINER 9 T McGovern 3-8-1 ... S Mulvey (7) 8
11 -085 KENSWORTH LADY 10 M Blanshard 3-7-13 ... N Adams 1
12 /06 PRINCESS JESSICA 5 P Butler 6-7-11 ... D Wright (7) 2
13 0-00 STOCKTINA 4 (D,G) B Meehan 6-7-9 ... N Carlisle 9
14 0000 WONDER 9 (V) M Usher 3-7-7 ... A Mackay 4

4-1 Serious Hurry, 5-1 Barbezieux, 6-1 Call To The Bar, 7-1 Spring High, 8-1 Hardliner, 10-1 Purbeck Centenary, 12-1 Kensworth Lady, 14-1 others.

□ Jockey Jimmy Quinn ended a run of 89 losers when Premier League won the Knighton Group Conditions Stakes at Haydock Park yesterday.

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Persuasive
2.30 Star Family Friend
3.00 Barik
3.30 A Smooth One
4.00 Princess Borghese
4.30 Plum First
5.00 Wisham

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Ertlon.

GOING: SOFT, HEAVY PATCHES — DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.00 HARCROS TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES HANDICAP — BBC1
(Qualifier: £6,524: 1m 6f) (10 runners)

101 (6) 41005-6 MISS PLUM 15 (G,S) (Lucayan Stud Ltd) D Loder 4-10-0 ... R Cochrane 93
102 (8) 00-1413 WHITE WILLOW 18 (D,G,S) (Mrs H Noble) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-13 ... M Hills 98
103 (5) 3U433-0 BUSTINETTA 19 (F) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-13 ... P Robinson 95
104 (7) 0/4150-0 HIGHFLYING 18 (CD,F,G) (B Batey) G Moore 7-9-11 ... J Carroll 91
105 (4) 2410-25 BIGWHEEL BILL 28 (S) (G Cooper) J Watts 4-9-11 ... G Duffield 93
106 (10) 302-340 FIVE TO SEVEN 65 (G) (The Five to Seven Partnership) S Norton 4-9-8 ... D Pears (5) 90
107 (3) 41-6040 CHIEF MINISTER 8 (D,F,S) (Execs of K Wheldon) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-7 ... K Fallon
108 (2) 260-500 POINCIANA 24 (B) (B Lalemant) R Hannon 4-8-13 ... Pat Eddery 93
109 (9) 115103 HORIZON 24 (B,C,D,F,G) T Thomson Jones 5-8-12 ... S Whitworth 93
110 (1) 0-32521 PERSUASIVE 3 (G,S) (W McHarg) Miss L Perratt 6-8-11 (3ex) ... Dale Gibson 97

BETTING: 11-4 Persuasive, 7-2 White Willow, 4-1 Bigwheel Bill, 11-2 Miss Plum, 6-1 Chief Minister, 8-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

MISS PLUM 7½l 6th of 12 to Night Clubbing in a handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good). WHITE WILLOW 1¼l 3rd of 13 to Ambiguously Regal in a handicap at York (1m 4f, good to soft), with PERSUASIVE (2lb worse off) 1¾l 5th and HIGHFLYING a poor 9th. USTINETTA 8l 3rd of 7 to Specificity in a listed race at Newmarket on final start last season (2m, good), with MISS PLUM (11lb worse off) 2½l 5th. PERSUASIVE beat Borocay 2l in a 9-runner handicap at Hamilton (1m 3f, good to soft).
Selection: WHITE WILLOW

2.30 SANDY LANE HANDICAP — BBC1
(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £9,681: 6f) (8 runners)

201 (7) 226-142 LORD OLIVIER 11 (D,F) (Miss V Jarvis) W Jarvis 9-7 ... M Tebbutt 95
202 (8) 124-254 ROGER THE BUTLER 14 (B,D,S) (M Hawton) M Bell 9-4 ... M Hills 94
203 (4) 14050-1 ELLE SHAPED 24 (F,G) (J Marsden) S Norton 9-3 ... R Cochrane 98
204 (2) 130-004 STAR FAMILY FRIEND 7 (V,C,D,F,G,S) M Tompkins 8-13 ... P Robinson 98
205 (1) 0-61106 CELESTIAL KEY 11 (D,F,G) (M Brodrick) S Norton 8-8 ... K Fallon 91
206 (6) 0551-01 SOUTHERN MEMORIES 19 (D,F,G) (J Horgan) R Hannon 8-7 ... L Piggott 92
207 (5) 42160-5 LOOK WHO'S HERE 18 (CD,S) (S Edwards) B McMahon 8-7 ... G Duffield
208 (3) 1310-30 SIMPLY SOOTY 14 (S) (Mrs S Joint) B Millman 8-7 ... S Whitworth 86

BETTING: 9-4 Elle Shaped, 3-1 Lord Olivier, 7-2 Star Family Friend, 5-1 Roger The Butler, 7-1 others.

1992: PRINCE FERDINAND 8-11 J Reid (9-2) M McCormack 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

LORD OLIVIER 2l 2nd of 5 to Hall Terra in a conditions race at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). Previously, 5¾l 4th of 8 to Sea Gazer in a listed race here (5f, soft), with ROGER THE BUTLER (3lb better off) 2½l 5th. ROGER THE BUTLER 1¾l 4th of 13 to New Europe in a listed race at Baden-Baden (6f, soft). ELLE SHAPED beat Lucky Parkes 3½l in a 5-runner handicap at Chester (5f, good to firm). STAR FAMILY FRIEND 5¼l 4th of 6 to Lyric Fantasy in a listed race at Newmarket (6f, good).
Selection: LORD OLIVIER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	14	48	29.2	Pat Eddery	31	125	24.8
R Williams	5	19	26.3	M Hills	15	84	17.9
M Bell	7	28	25.0	R Cochrane	7	41	17.1
L Cumani	14	67	20.9	L Piggott	3	19	15.8
P Walwyn	6	30	20.0	R Hills	12	110	10.9
R Hannon	9	52	17.3	G Duffield	8	75	10.7

3.00 TOTE CREDIT SILVER BOWL HANDICAP — BBC1
(3-Y-O: £20,387: 1m 30yd) (13 runners)

301 (1) 412030- EXPO MONDIAL 232 (F) (Y Fai Hung) J Eustace 9-7 ... M Tebbutt 89
302 (3) 1434-42 AFTER THE LAST 25 (F,G) (R Barby) R Hannon 9-4 ... L Piggott 93
303 (5) 0326-22 KEY TO MY HEART 24 (F,S) (Mrs M Pickering) D Moffatt 9-3 ... K Fallon 95
304 (4) 031-00 CONEYBURY 18 (G) (R Sangster) L Cumani 9-1 ... R Cochrane 87
305 (2) 3153-4 SPARK 17 (F) (C C Elsey) C W Elsey 9-1 ... S Maloney (3) 88
306 (11) 401-10 BARIK 35 (D,BF,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0 ... R Hills 96
307 (13) 2644-35 JERVIA 21 (C,F) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Watts 8-13 ... G Duffield 94
308 (9) 340-133 MARGARET'S GIFT 7 (G,S) (Mrs T Holdcroft) J Berry 8-13 ... J Carroll 95
309 (8) 104-34 MOORISH 24 (S) (F Salman) P Cole 8-9 ... T G McLaughlin (7) 97
310 (10) 35-453 ERTLON 16 (L Gaucci) C Brittain 8-9 ... M Hills
311 (7) 5-31 PRINCESS KRIS 21 (D,F) (Exors of Mrs V Hue-Williams) M Stoute 8-8 ... Pat Eddery 96
312 (6) 510-138 DUTOSKY 24 (F,S) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 8-4 ... N Varley (7) 98
313 (12) 2060-62 STORM VENTURE 14 (Venture Racing Ltd) W Jarvis 7-12 ... D Wright (7) 97

BETTING: 3-1 Barik, 7-2 Princess Kris, 11-2 Margaret's Gift, 6-1 After The Last, Ertlon, 8-1 others.

1992: SHARPITOR 9-0 J Reid (13-2) W Jarvis 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

AFTER THE LAST ¾l 2nd of 7 to Abbey's Gal in a handicap at Chester (7f 122yd, good to firm). KEY TO MY HEART neck 2nd of 8 to League Leader in a handicap at Chester (1m 4f 66yd, good to firm), with MOORISH (5lb better off) 4l 4th. SPARK 7l 4th of 6 to Dayflower in a conditions race at York (1m 2f 85yd, good). BARIK beat Umbubuzi by a comfortable ½l in a 10-runner handicap at Nottingham on penultimate start (1m, good). MARGARET'S GIFT 3¾l 3rd of 6 to Lyric Fantasy in a listed race at Newmarket (6f, good). ERTLON 2¾l 3rd of 12 to Hi Nod in a handicap at York (7f, good).
Selection: AFTER THE LAST (nap)

3.30 EBF ST HELENS MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £3,785: 5f) (4 runners)

401 (3) A SMOOTH ONE (B Lalemant) R Hannon 8-11 ... Pat Eddery —
402 (2) 4 BOLLIN MARY 44 (Sir Neil Westbrook) M H Easterby 8-11 ... S Maloney (3) 73
403 (1) 42 FLOATING TRIAL 8 (D Fish) J Berry 8-11 ... J Carroll 96
404 (4) 63 STRAPPED 7 (M Watson) M Channon 8-11 ... M Hills

BETTING: 2-1 A Smooth One, 5-2 Bollin Mary, 11-4 Floating Trial, 3-1 Strapped.

1992: JERVIA 8-11 L Piggott (7-1) J Watts 9 ran

4.00 ECCLES MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,915: 1m 2f 120yd) (6 runners)

501 (1) 4-2462 BILJAN 21 (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 ... T G McLaughlin (7) 84
502 (3) 0-303 BITTER'S END 30 (B,BF) (B Lalemant) R Hannon 9-0 ... L Piggott
503 (5) 6-2 GEORGE DILLINGHAM 14 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 9-0 ... G Duffield 92
504 (6) 0 MODAAYIN 7 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-0 ... M Tebbutt —
505 (2) 00- SASSIVER 203 (Sinclair Developments Ltd) R Hollinshead 9-0 ... S Perks —
506 (4) 0- PRINCESS BORGHESE 226 (BF) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-9 ... Pat Eddery 80

BETTING: 11-8 Princess Borghese, 5-2 Bitter's End, 3-1 George Dillingham, 13-2 Biljan, 20-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.30 ORRELL APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,768: 6f) (6 runners)

601 (3) 211223 ANOTHER JADE 7 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Kaplan) A Jarvis 9-7 ... G McGrath (5) 96
602 (4) 4415-13 TWO MOVES IN FRONT 25 (F,G,S) (R Aird) J Berry 9-5 ... P Roberts (5)
603 (2) 632-321 PLUM FIRST 14 (B,D,F,S) (Mrs D Benjamin) N Bycroft 9-0 ... V Halliday 94
604 (1) 6-01032 CHAMPAGNE GRANDY 12 (D,G) (Grandy Girls) M Channon 8-5 ... Mark Denaro (3) 98
605 (6) 30-4406 HEATHYARDS GEM 21 (G) (Mrs B Morgan) R Hollinshead 8-2 ... M Humphries 95
606 (5) 04-6025 FOLLY VISION 24 (Benwell Fixings Ltd) R Hannon 8-1 ... D Gibbs (3) 94

BETTING: 9-4 Two Moves In Front, 11-4 Another Jade, 4-1 Plum First, 11-2 Champagne Grandy, 7-1 others.

1992: CASTLEREA LAD 9-0 W Ryan (10-1) R Hollinshead 9 ran

5.00 SHEVINGTON RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,492: 7f 30yd) (4 runners)

1 (3) 2-238 FLASHFEET 17 (B) (J Smith) I Balding 3-8-13 ... M Hills
2 (2) 40-2 WALI 49 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-13 ... R Hills 98
3 (1) 53-0 WISHAM 44 (P Goulandris) B Hanbury 3-8-13 ... G Duffield 95
4 (4) 056-440 DANCING SPIRIT 24 (L Ward) R Hannon 3-8-8 ... L Piggott 95

BETTING: 7-4 Wisham, 2-1 Wali, 3-1 Flashfeet, 5-1 Dancing Spirit.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Haydock Park

Going: soft

2.00 (5f) 1, SERIOUS OPTION (S Perks, 10-11 fav); 2, Indiahra (K Darley, 5-1); 3, Rooftop Flyer (Pat Eddery, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Paris Symphony (6th), 25 Lancashire Life (4th), 33 Naz Carrera (5th). 6 ran. ¾l, 4l, 6l, 4l, 2½l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £2.00. DF: £2.80. CSF: £5.57. 1min 3.60sec.

2.30 (1m 3f 200yd) 1, RAINBOW LAKE (Pat Eddery, 11-8 fav); 2, Araadh (R Hills, 5-1); 3, Dumelion (M Roberts, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Rosscoyne (5th), 12 Mayday Calling (4th). 5 ran. 5l, 8l, 1l, 10l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £2.00; £1.50, £1.90. DF: £5.20. CSF: £7.76. 2min 41.59sec.

3.00 (1m 30yd) 1, AMAZE (K Darley, 9-1); 2, Cee-Jay-Ay (L Charnock, 7-1); 3, Arany (P Robinson, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Piquant, 7-2 Forever Diamonds (5th), 8 Will Of Steel, 10 Salda, Courageous Knight (6th), 14 Roseate Lodge (4th), 25 Corals Dream. 12 ran. NR: Muhanin. 1l, 1½l, nk, 2l, 1½l. Lady Herries at Littlehampton. Tote: £9.90; £1.60, £1.90, £2.50. DF: £47.70. Trio: £128.10. CSF: £64.82. Tricast: £479.86. 1min 47.72sec.

3.30 (1m 6f) 1, ACANTHUS (Pat Eddery, 6-4 fav); 2, Bohemian Crown (M Roberts, 3-1); 3, Marros Mill (M Fenton, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Bonar Bridge (4th), 8 Dee Raft (5th), Argyle Cavalier (6th). 6 ran. 10l, 1l, nk, 10l, 1½l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £2.10. DF: £2.80. CSF: £6.71. 3min 12.29sec.

4.00 (6f) 1, TRINITY HALL (R Hills, 13-8 fav); 2, Clanrock (A Culhane, 2-1); 3, Flashman (S Perks, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Sarah Heights (4th), 14 Whyalla Rain (5th). 5 ran. Nk, 1½l, 8l, ½l. C Horgan at Billingbear. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £1.40. DF: £2.20. CSF: £5.21. 1min 19.72sec.

4.30 (5f) 1, LORD HIGH ADMIRAL (M Roberts, 8-1); 2, Dominuet (J Lowe, 6-1); 3, Never In The Red (J Carroll, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Gondo (4th), 5 Allthruthenight, 6 Sonderise, 13-2 Eager Deva (6th), 8 Crystal Jack (5th). 8 ran. NR: Pallium, Absolution. 1l, 5l, sh, nk, nk. M Heaton-Ellis at Wroughton. Tote: £10.00; £2.40, £2.10, £1.70. DF: £36.80. Trio: £6.40. CSF: £50.67. Tricast: £241.18. 1min 3.52sec.

5.00 (1m 30yd) 1, PREMIER LEAGUE (J Quinn, 100-30; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Chatoyant (G Duffield, 11-4); 3, Star Manager (S Perks, 6-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Yaqthan (4th), 10 Persian Revival (5th), 12 Jade City (6th). 6 ran. ½l, 1½l, 1l, hd, 30l. J Banks at Newmarket. Tote: £4.90; £2.10, £2.30. DF: £6.40. CSF: £12.46. 1min 50.54sec.

Jackpot: £5,308.70. Placepot: £39.90.

Salisbury

Going: good to soft (good in places).

2.20 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, DUVEEN (J O'Dwyer, 6-1); 2, Preston Guild (N Varley, 11-2 fav); 3, Pistols At Dawn (Wendy Jones, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Sky Burst, 7 Homemaker (4th), 9 Mr Cube (5th), 12 Major Triumph (6th), Calibrate, Mr Dingle, 20 Sleepride, 25 War Requiem, October Brew, 50 My Sister Lucy, Is She Quick. 14 ran. ¾l, 6l, nk, nk, 1½l. M Bell at Newmarket. Tote: £5.90; £2.10, £2.00, £2.60. DF: £11.40. CSF: £35.95. Tricast: £188.63.

2.50 (5f) 1, HIGH DOMAIN (J Reid, 8-13 fav); 2, Bid For Blue (L Piggott, 4-1); 3, Isabella Sharp (M Hills, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Anzio (4th). 4 ran. Hd, 1½l, ¾l. M McCormack at Wantage. Tote: £1.60. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.27.

3.20 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, MASHAIR (W Carson, 3-1; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Dancing Prize (Paul Eddery, 10-11 fav); 3, Tochar Ben (J Williams, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Tahdid (4th), 20 Rasayel (6th), Abel, 33 Kardelle (5th), 40 Bijou Fire, 50 What Lola Wants, 66 My Minnie, Aunt Ada, 100 Arrasas Lady. 12 ran. 3½l, 1l, 1l, 2½l, nk. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £4.30; £1.80, £1.20, £1.20. DF: £3.40. CSF: £6.12.

3.50 (6f 212yd) 1, POLAR STORM (J Reid, 6-1 fav); 2, Princely Favour (W Carson, 13-2); 3, Daily Sport Don (Paul Eddery, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Bezique, 7 Koa, 8 Green Chili, 12 Spring Sunrise, Love In The Mist, Avril Etoile, 14 Absolutely Fact, 16 Don Tocino (6th), 20 Patsy Grimes, Tigerspike, Gallop To Glory (4th), Silver Groom (5th). 15 ran. 3½l, 2l, 1½l, ½l, ¾l. Lady Herries at Littlehampton. Tote: £5.30; £2.60, £3.10, £2.80. DF: £21.00. Trio: £58.70. CSF: £42.75. Tricast: £313.94.

4.20 (6f 212yd) 1, JUST JAMIE (C Hawksley, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Tony's Mist (J Reid, 12-1); 3, Shefford (R Cochrane, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Formal Affair (5th), 11-2 No Extras (6th), 6 Knyaz, 8 Toff Sundae, 10 Beyond The Limit (4th), 20 Western Valley, Bucksfield Echo, 25 Lady Reiko, 33 Zhoab. 12 ran. Nk, 1½l, 2l, nk, nk. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £4.80; £1.70, £2.10, £6.70. DF: £19.10. CSF: £42.35.

4.50 (1m 4f) 1, TIOMAN ISLAND (T Quinn, 7-4 fav); 2, Captain's Guest (W Carson, 13-2); 3, Master Charlie (M Hills, 10-3). ALSO RAN: 3 Spin Doctor (4th), 8 Edbaysaan (5th), 16 Lord Nitrogen (6th), 25 Lavender Cottage. 7 ran. ¾l, 3½l, 4l, 2½l, ½l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £3.00. DF: £8.10. CSF: £13.16.

5.20 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, DREAMS ARE FREE (W Ryan, 2-1 fav); 2, Cutlass (J Reid, 5-2); 3, Nawahil (W Carson, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Charlotte Dundas, 12 Ruffle, 14 Winning Appeal (4th), 25 Chase The Stars (6th), 50 Glint Of Ayr (5th), Bellezza, 66 Jaleeca, 100 Dashing March. 11 ran. Nk, 1l, 3l, nk, 4l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £1.40, £1.70. DF: £2.60. CSF: £7.05.

Placepot: £131.80.

Towcester

Going: good to soft (good first race)

2.10 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Commanchero (R Dunwoody, 5-1 fav); 2, Clare Lad (7-1); 3, Andrator (14-1); 4, Royal Shepherd (25-1). 20 ran. NR: Casa Bella. 2½l, 1l. R Hodges. Tote: £5.10; £1.70, £1.30, £5.10, £17.30. DF: £21.60. CSF: £41.08. Tricast: £438.51.

2.40 (3m 1f ch) 1, Boraceva (A Maguire, 5-1); 2, Do Be Brief (2-1 fav); 3, Tort (20-1). 13 ran. NR: Bold In Combat. 15l, 3½l. G Balding. Tote: £5.20; £2.60, £1.80, £7.70. DF: £5.50. CSF: £17.07. Tricast: £192.12.

3.10 (2m hdle) 1, Strath Royal (M Brennan, 11-10 fav); 2, Alosaili (4-1); 3, Asargar (9-2). 5 ran. NR: Who's Tef. 12l, 3½l. O Brennan. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.10. DF: £3.50. CSF: £5.80.

3.40 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Boston Rover (M Brennan, 2-1); 2, Polder (9-1); 3, They All Forgot Me (4-1). Startup 5-4 fav. 6 ran. NR: Corrarder, Mister Feathers. 12l, 1½l. O Brennan. Tote: £3.40; £1.30, £2.70. DF: £12.10. CSF: £17.24. Tricast: £58.13.

4.10 (3m 1f ch) 1, Teaplanter (Mr R Russell, 40-85 fav); 2, The Malakarma (3-1); 3, Blakelin (50-1). 10 ran. NR: Ascaglaw. 1l, 7l. Miss C Saunders. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.40, £6.20. DF: £2.40. CSF: £2.98.

4.40 (2m hdle) 1, Marsh's Law (M Brennan, 15-8); 2, Jon's Choice (20-1); 3, Manabouteshouse (10-11 fav). 8 ran. NR: Roc Color. 2½l, 2l. O Brennan. Tote: £2.90; £1.20, £3.90, £1.10. DF: £34.80. CSF: £33.59.

Placepot: £24.50.

□ High Domain heads for Royal Ascot after winning at Salisbury yesterday. He holds entries in the Norfolk and Windsor Castle Stakes. Mattie McCormack, his trainer, saddled Horage to win there in 1982 and 1983, when 50-1 Night Of Wind also took the Queen Mary Stakes. Prince Ferdinand won last year's Jersey Stakes.

Saturday portrait: Graham Taylor, by Andrew Longmore

The tabloid turnip tackling football's mission impossible

ILLUSTRATION: STEVE MARTIN

The new Chancellor of the Exchequer might disagree, but no job is more certain to end in acrimony and premature old age than that of manager of the England football team. Disappointment comes with the territory, along with the jeers of the Wembley crowd, blood-thirsty journalists, an overcrowded fixture list and late-night telephone calls bringing news of pulled hamstrings and torn thighs.

The England manager cannot fail, by order of the public, so it is inevitable that he will do so in the end. Even Sir Alf Ramsey, the one man who had the chance to depart in peace, found that success is no bulwark against sacrifice.

Unless he wants to be depicted with his grinning face on the block under the headline "Pole-Axed", or held up to ridicule as a stuffed Norwegian Blue, Graham Taylor had better not fail over the next five days as he guides his England team through two mine-ridden World Cup qualifying matches — in Poland today and in Norway, against the leaders of group two, on Wednesday.

Failure to reach the finals in the United States next summer, added to abject defeat in the European championship last summer, would doubtless ensure Taylor's rapid return to the ranks of the club manager, where his harshest critics think he should have stayed anyway. Success would simply postpone the day.

Taylor himself would not countenance such pessimism, but the track record of his predecessors — Don Revie, Ron Greenwood and Bobby Robson, all of whom ended their tenures sadder, wiser and more suspicious — suggests that, sooner or later, the likeable, jaunty son of Scunthorpe will have all decency knocked out of him. The process is already well developed.

In the aftermath of England's defeat in Sweden, compounded by the perverse decision to substitute Gary Lineker, the nation's favourite footballing son, in the closing minutes of the European championship campaign, Taylor had to endure the modern equivalent of execution and mockery.

Instead of having his head stuck on Tyburn Gate for the pleasure of the masses, Taylor was transformed into a turnip on the back page of *The Sun*.

Reprisals were swift. Taylor, who usually discourses at length on any footballing matter at the drop of a hat, clammed up and hired a public relations specialist to vet certain interviews and articles. For the son of a sports journalist and a man employed to lead the game into a more articulate, classless and acceptable age in the wake of Heysel and Hillsborough, this was as much a failure as the performances of his team.

Even reporters regarded as friends were given the cold shoulder and, though an uneasy truce has now broken out in the football media, it would take only a couple of defeats over the next few days for hostilities to be renewed.

> With a jolly manner and irrepressible spirit, he is not easy to vilify. He is a loyal, decent man

What upset Taylor most after Sweden was not the personal criticism but the violation of his family and of his sense of respect, values much dearer to him than football. A nice, bright grammar school boy, brought up to clean his boots every night before a game and to follow the Protestant work ethic, Taylor could not understand the viciousness of the attacks nor their lack of perspective.

He has never regarded football as a matter of life and death and once proved as much by attending his daughter's degree ceremony instead of taking his Aston Villa side to Old Trafford. It was a long summer later before he showed that his sense of humour was still intact. "What vegetables do they grow in Norway?" he asked before England's first World Cup qualifying match at Wembley.

The problem for the media is that Taylor, with his jolly manner and irrepressible spirit, is not an easy character to vilify. He is a genuinely decent man and, more importantly, comes across as one. A loyal husband, devoted father, good neighbour, someone you could cheerfully turn to in time of trouble. In the words of one friend, he is Mr Provincial, a lover of the theatre and Buddy Holly, much happier conducting his business from the privacy of his home in Little Aston in the West Midlands than in the more ostentatious surrounds of the Football Association in Lancaster Gate.

Without winning anything of substance as a manager, he took Lincoln City out of the fourth division, Watford from the fourth division into Europe and restored dignity to Aston Villa. All three clubs would have him back tomorrow if they could, which is tribute enough in a world littered with soured relationships and broken promises.

"He had time for everyone in the club and treated the tea lady the same as the chairman," Dave Richardson, the youth director at Aston Villa and close friend of Taylor, said. "He prided himself on knowing all the boys on the staff, even the mediocre ones who he knew probably would not make it. He is a very caring person yet can be ruthless when he needs to be." In other words, he is tougher than he looks.

At Watford, the team discipline on and off the field was tight. Players, including John Barnes, were expected to do as they were told, be it run up mountains in the freezing rain, bang in crosses from every part of the pitch or spend a number of hours each week doing community service. At Villa Park, Taylor found a club flabby at heart and prescribed his own diet, imposing a dress code of collar and tie at all times and slamming the dressing-room door in the face of Doug Ellis, the club chairman and a notorious interferer.

His middle-class sense of thrift was outraged by the conspicuous waste at a club languishing in the middle of the second division. Players used to drying with three club towels quickly found their quota reduced to one in the interests of economy and neatness, virtues that characterised Taylor's own upbringing.

But not everything fits so tidily into the scheme. Take the case of Lineker v Taylor; Peter Pan v Bambi. Two acceptable faces of football bawling each other out like politicians across the dispatch box. The cruel and lingering suspicion, supported by analysis of his present team, is that Taylor was not able to cope with someone from the same mould, a decent provincial boy made good and one, moreover, who had developed a continental sophistication and held the ear of the press.

Strange as it may seem for such a mild chap, Lineker posed a threat to authority by exposing Taylor's lack of international experience. It is no coincidence that Lineker and Chris Waddle, the two main outcasts from the Taylor regime, have enjoyed successful careers overseas.

Paul Gascoigne is altogether different, the court jester with no pretensions to intellect, the one touch of chaos Taylor allows in a footballing philosophy based on order, balance, shape and hard work. Gascoigne is a naughty boy; Lineker and Waddle subversive prefects. A modest player during his own career with Grimsby Town and Lincoln, Taylor might have been a Lineker, given the right breaks, but he could never have been a Gascoigne.

Like most good generals, Taylor has now surrounded himself with people he knows he can trust, players in his debt. Even Barnes, whose fortune was made during those heady days at Watford. Far from ignoring the criticism after Sweden, he learnt from it, turning away from continental ways and reverting to what he did best at club level, moulding and motivating a team. To some within the game, this smacks of a return to the up-and-under tactics so successful with Watford, but England's performances in the World Cup so far have been far more coherent than their early efforts under Taylor.

At 48, Taylor is still mastering his trade. The next five days will go a long way to deciding whether he will be given time to succeed before he fails to live up to unrealistic expectations. If he outlasts Kenneth Clarke, it will be a triumph of sorts.

Wilkinson offers contract to O'Leary

BY KEITH PIKE

DAVID O'Leary, the defender given a free transfer after 20 years with Arsenal, could resume his career in the Premier League with Leeds United. O'Leary, 35, confirmed yesterday that he had been offered a three-year contract by Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, and would be meeting him again next week.

"Howard has been very persistent," O'Leary said. "He would like to pair me with Des Walker if they are successful with a bid to Sampdoria [the Italian club]. He has suggested that I can do the same type of job as Gordon Strachan did when he joined Leeds from Manchester United towards the end of his career."

Kenny Swain is the new manager of Wigan Athletic. The former Chelsea, Aston Villa, Nottingham Forest and Portsmouth player, presently assistant manager of Crewe Alexandra, will be at Wembley with Crewe today for the third division play-off final against York City.

Merthyr Tydfil are considering quitting the GM Vauxhall Conference for the Konica League of Wales after Uefa's decision to restrict Welsh clubs' entry into European competition.

Aberdeen prepare to deny Rangers their clean sweep

BY RODDY FORSYTH

IT IS indisputably true that the Scottish Cup final between Rangers and Aberdeen, to be played at Celtic Park this afternoon, brings together the two best teams in Scotland.

Like the FA Cup finalists, Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday, the Scottish combatants have already met in one final this season, when Rangers won the Skol Cup through a late own goal by the young Aberdeen defender, Gary Smith.

Unlike the Wembley finalists, however, Rangers and Aberdeen finished in first and second places in the championship and the Ibrox team now stand on the threshold of their first clean sweep of the three domestic honours since 1978. The Aberdeen players, though, have made it plain that they believe the time has come for them to show that they are winners, too.

The younger element in the team — and Aberdeen have probably the most promising youths in Scotland — are confident that they will leave Glasgow with the trophy swathed in red and white ribbons. "I'm glad to hear they feel like that," Willie Miller, the Aberdeen manager, said earlier this week.

"You must have belief in yourself if you are to be a winner, but they also have to keep in mind that every game against Rangers is difficult and cup finals are especially so. This is going to be a hard match and I think it will also be an entertaining one because, although games between the sides in recent years have been close, they have also generated lots of chances."

Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, has enjoyed the unaccustomed luxury of two weeks away from football with his players. He has rejected all suggestionss that the competitive edge may have gone off his team after a demanding season that saw them enjoy an undefeated run of ten games in the European Cup.

"I find it surprising that anyone should question our attitude because I think that any team going into a cup final is keyed up for the game," Smith said.

Rangers were rated as evens for the cup by Glasgow bookmakers yesterday with Aberdeen at 13-4 against, odds that are tempting to anyone with a fancy for the underdog, especially since no player on either side can be found who does not think that the contest will be close.

It may be that the decisive factor is Miller's team selection. Alex Smith, who guided Aberdeen to a cup victory over Celtic in 1990, three years after he managed St Mirren to a 1-0 win over Dundee United in the final, believes so.

"Willie's biggest difficulty will be in deciding which is his best team," he said. "When I was a manager, I stuck by the players who had won the semi-final, where that was possible, but Willie has Brian Grant and Eoin Jess back after injury and he has to be sure they are match-fit for him.

"Aberdeen have also varied between a 4-4-2 and 4-3-3 formation this season and he has to settle on the pattern to suit this game."

Rangers, by contrast, will be without Trevor Steven and Ally McCoist. They have an abundance of compensatory talent in midfield, but only McSwegan offers them the option of installing a straight-forward replacement for McCoist alongside Hateley. McSwegan scored good goals from Hateley's supply in the league games against Partick Thistle and Airdrieonians, but Smith may feel that his experience is too limited to make an impact on an experienced and niggardly Aberdeen defence.

This final has the capacity to be an absorbing contest, although if it is to be more entertaining than the Wembley affair two weeks ago, an early goal is liable to be the key and, if Jess is really ready to play, then Aberdeen have the firepower to get it and go on to win.

PARKHEAD TEAMS

RANGERS	ABERDEEN
(probable)	(probable):
A Goram	T Snelders
D McPherson	S McKimmie
D Robertson	G Smith
R Gough	B Irvine
J Brown	A McLeish
N Murray	P Mason
I Ferguson	R Aitken or B Grant
S McCall	L Richardson
P Huistra	S Booth
M Hateley	E Jess
G McSwegan or I Durrant.	M Pastelainen or D Shearer.

PATHS TO THE FINAL

ABERDEEN: Third round: bt Hamilton Academical (h) 4-1 (Booth 3, Irvine). Fourth round: bt Dundee United (h) 2-0 (Jess 2). Fifth round: drew with Clydebank (h) 1-1 (Shearer pen). Replay: bt Clydebank (a) 4-3 (Irvine, Pastelainen, Booth 2). Semi-final: bt Hibernian (h) 1-0 (Booth).

RANGERS: Third round: bt Motherwell (a) 2-0 (McCoist 2). Fourth round: bt Ayr United (a) 2-0 (McCoist, Gordon). Fifth round: bt Arbroath (a) 3-0 (Hateley, Murray, McCoist pen). Semi-final: bt Heart of Midlothian (at) 2-1 (McPherson, McCoist).

England need net gain from Taylor's gamble

David Miller on the task facing Teddy Sheringham on his debut for England in Katowice tonight

Being able to look the manager in the eye — Graham Taylor's partial measurement of a forward's ability — is one thing. Putting the ball in the net is another. The demands on Teddy Sheringham in England's World Cup qualifying tie this evening against Poland are sudden and severe.

Past evidence on the gamble of playing a central striker for the first time away from home in a cup tie is not encouraging; yet, on the other hand, the statistical record of the larger, conventional English-style centre forward is better than you might suppose. The most worrying aspect for Sheringham is that, for the crosses on which he thrives, he will primarily depend on Lee Dixon, the right back, whose technique tends to be imprecise.

If John Barnes, however, can at this late stage of his career — this will be his 71st cap — take on the qualities of Trevor Brooking, all may be well. Brooking combined midfield responsibility with crossing the ball onto the heads of Bob Latchford or Paul Mariner, and also helped Kenny Sansom come through outside him from left back to assist in attack.

Can Barnes now do the same for Sheringham and Tony Dorigo? If so, Wegrzyn, who has the job of marking Sheringham in the air, may be in trouble and England could prosper. If not, Taylor's gamble may fail, as did Don Revie's use of Stan Bowles at centre forward for the qualifying tie against Italy in 1976 in Rome and Ron Greenwood's introduction of Garry Birtles for the second match of the 1980 European championship, also against Italy. Both matches were lost.

There are few central strikers who have had the instant impact of, say, Tommy Taylor, against Brazil in 1956, or Bobby Charlton, against Scotland two years later. Sheringham is not in that class, but an above-average forward who is both good in the air and difficult to dispossess — similar to Pointer, of Burnley, or Crawford, of Ipswich, in the Sixties. Both David Platt and Paul Gascoigne, and Barnes — if he moves forward — should be able to play off Sheringham on the ground or in the air.

The encouraging aspect for Sheringham is that tall, conventional English strikers have a good goalscoring record, even in short international careers, apart from Peter Withe, who managed one goal in 11 matches. Sophisticated they may not have been, but Nat Lofthouse (30 goals in 33 games), Jackie Milburn (10-13), Taylor (16-19), Derek Kevan (8-14), Martin Chivers (13-24), Latchford (5-12), Mark Hateley (9-31), Kerry Dixon (4-8) and Steve Bull (4-13) all knew where the net was.

Of course, some of us prefer the football of smaller, more mobile strikers such as Kevin Keegan, Trevor Francis or Gary Lineker. Yet either kind is to a degree dependent on the quality of passes coming through. Sheringham does not have Matthews, Carter, Mannion and Finney to lay it on, nor Douglas and Haynes, Ball and Peters, nor Coppell, Wilkins and Brooking.

If England's technical standard is not what it used to be, neither is the opposition's. England could win both matches — in Katowice this evening and Norway on Wednesday — as easily as lose both, though the former, especially victory in Oslo, does not seem probable unless all the England players rise above their regular form.

The manager's hand has been forced by circumstances: injuries to Alan Shearer, Les Ferdinand and Ian Wright. Yet the truth is we still do not really know, three years after his appointment and a year after failure in the European championship, what kind of team Taylor really wants: functional or fluid, expedient or adventurous, midfield men playing off the front men or servicing the front men?

Sheringham offers several possibilities, though, as he himself observed yesterday. "We haven't really any wide players." Unless England find width this evening, they may go one down on this trip with one to play.

Taylor said yesterday that a double defeat over six days was "unthinkable but not impossible" and he is probably right. England, though anything but world-shakers, need lose neither match if they have more resolve than their opponents.

This is why I feel the match against Norway may be the more difficult. Norway have generated under Egil Olsen a collective spirit similar to Ireland's with Jack Charlton and, on Wednesday, England must find courage as well as ability.

Birtles: Greenwood man

Bowles: Revie's choice

Littles loom large in colourful finale to season

BY KEITH PIKE

GONE are the days when the FA Cup final meant it was time to either dust off the cricket whites or hibernate until the Charity Shield. Since they were established in the 1986-7 season, and especially since the finals were moved to Wembley in 1990, the play-offs have given the domestic season a longer and often more colourful climax, and this weekend promises more of the same.

By the time Leicester City and Swindon Town meet on Monday to contest a Premier League place, more than 150,000 supporters will have visited the national stadium over three days, swelling to 2,000,000 the number who have attended play-off matches in seven dramatic and highly profitable seasons. Like them or loathe them, they are here to stay.

Wembley is not a place losers remember fondly, but with their teams having got there for the first time the followers of Crewe Alexandra and York City will have much to savour in the third division final today. Will Crewe confirm they have another international in the making in Tony Naylor, who scored five of their nine semi-final goals against Walsall? Or will Alan Little, the York manager, complete the first half of an unlikely family double? His older brother, Brian, manages Leicester.

The sympathy vote will go to Crewe, who in ten seasons under Dario Gradi have produced some of the most pleasing football in the lower divisions. It will also be extended to Osvaldo Ardiles, whose West Bromwich Albion side takes on Port Vale in the second division final tomorrow. Ardiles was in charge of Swindon when they beat Sunderland in the 1990 final to earn a place in the top division for the first time. Or so they thought. Two weeks later Swindon were demoted, and even though the status quo was restored on appeal the trauma still wrankles. Last weekend, in the final of the Autoglass Trophy, Vale's football was expansive and imaginative, and Albion play the Ardiles way. It could be the best match of the three.

The stakes are higher still on Monday, when Swindon's flair and Leicester's durability compete for a prize worth at least £1 million in Premier League spin-offs. Five of Swindon's 1990 side are likely to play, and Leicester are still smarting from their controversial defeat against Blackburn Rovers last season. Revenge is in the air.

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England selectors must reward the young and gifted

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, indulges in a favourite pastime of picking the England party for the start of a new Test match series

Lathwell: acclimatised

Ilott: lively left-armer

Thorpe: good technique

Salisbury: likes venue

At this time of year, it is the custom of the England selectors to make a cursory review of the young and gifted before deciding that things are not so bad after all and picking the old, familiar faces to start a Test series. Often, they are right. This year, such a policy would be complacent beyond belief.

The evidence for change is overwhelming. England have lost their last five Test matches and last seven one-day internationals — as grim a sequence as they have endured since cricket at this level became, effectively, two different games.

Australia have begun their tour of this country by pillaging Tetley's coffers around the county grounds and monopolising the Texaco prize-money in the one-day series. The Ashes might be thought theirs almost by default: but it need not be so. They are, to borrow a phrase from their dressing-room, not "real flash" and they are not the equal of the 1989 side.

Tomorrow, the England selectors meet to choose their party for the first Cornhill Test, which starts at Old Trafford on Thursday. It will be a long and agonised debate and much hangs on its outcome. There has been no more important meeting of the panel since the first under Ted Dexter's control, exactly four years ago.

That, too, was the start of an Ashes summer and David Gower, the new captain, recalls it all going wrong from the first morning of the first Test, when he allowed Dexter to persuade him that there was bad weather about, a spin bowler was superfluous and England must bowl first. Australia scored 601 and England were on the ropes for the summer's duration.

Dexter and Gower have seldom been on the same wavelength since, a situation that deteriorated when England's leading run-scorer in Tests was excluded from the tour party last winter. Public reaction fell only narrowly short of demands for a referendum, which makes it ironical that Gower's name will be passed over more quickly than most tomorrow. His early-season form is unworthy of a recall.

This cannot be said of the second and more serious casualty of tour selection. Dexter has already conceded that the theory of taking two wicketkeeper-batsmen, at the expense of Jack Russell, was flawed and this week's comment, volunteered by Graham Gooch, that Alec Stewart will play in the Test as an opening batsman, strongly indicated a return for Russell.

A triumph for the campaign for real wicketkeepers? I am not sure. It does not follow that, because Russell was ill-treated in the winter, he should play now. The circumstances are changed and, with regret, I can see a strong case for Stewart continuing as wicketkeeper next week.

Russell can only play if Chris Lewis bats at six, an unacceptable risk at the start of a series, or if England field only four bowlers plus Graeme Hick. The latter would be a more viable option if Hick bowled more for Worcestershire and, if employed, would betray the type of negative thinking which invariably backfires.

With Stewart batting at six and keeping wicket, England would also be free to do as the Australians would, in their position, and introduce a batsman who is not only young and extraordinarily gifted but could hardly be in better form.

Mark Lathwell, bafflingly, carried the drinks throughout the Texaco series but, if the intention was to get him accustomed to the atmosphere, there should at least be no worries on that account now. He should open with Gooch, Michael Atherton following as the ideal No 3, his experience as an opener a failsafe for early calamities.

If a seventh batsman is to be taken in a squad of 13, it should not be Mike Gatting, nor even Neil Fairbrother, but Graham Thorpe, who impressed with his technique and temperament during the Texaco series and has left-handedness on his side.

England have no other left-handers: Australia could have three in their top five, imposing further demands on the line of the English bowling. Andy Caddick has little trouble with this, however, and as he combines bounce and lateral movement with his accuracy, he will be in the unusual position of making his debut, already regarded as England's most reliable bowler.

Lewis's extra speed will be needed as a shock weapon because there is surely no room for Devon Malcolm and, although the conservatism of the selectors will conspire against two more debutants, the seam attack would best be completed by a lively left-armer, Mark Ilott, and a medium-paced swing bowler, Dominic Cork. Paul Jarvis and Phil DeFreitas are alternatives, and one at least is likely to appear, but DeFreitas, in particular, has had plenty of chances and all too little success.

At least one specialist spin bowler must play and I would have two in the party. Old Trafford generally offers some turn and Ian Salisbury claimed 11 for 83 in a county championship match there last September. If he still offers too many gifts, he also takes wickets faster than any other English slow bowler.

Despite the lobby for Peter Such, I would give the final place to the one spin bowler who has won England any recent Test matches, Philip Tufnell. His temperament remains fragile, and India demonstrably disagreed with him, but Manchester should be more to his liking.

My 13 for Old Trafford would be: Gooch, Lathwell, Atherton, Smith, Hick, Stewart, Thorpe, Lewis, Cork, Salisbury, Caddick, Ilott, Tufnell.

Richards takes centre stage at Somerset

BY IVO TENNANT

TAUNTON (second day of four): Somerset, with seven second innings wickets in hand, are 57 runs ahead of Glamorgan

THERE is life still in this match, to say nothing of the pitch, but Somerset will do well to be involved in anything other than net practice come the fourth day. They resume this morning, their captain in his most somnabulant mood, effectively 57 for three. A point in their favour, though, is that Glamorgan are most certainly not relishing batting last.

On the first day, there had been Lathwell. Now, there was Richards. He had to make a score of note, for this was the first time he had played at Taunton since he left Somerset in that acrimonious autumn of 1986. It would also be his last appearance, for he will not be returning to Glamorgan next year.

His batting of a decade ago and more was instrumental in enabling the club to build its new pavilion. The members did not rise to him yesterday, but there was generosity in their applause. His batting did not disappoint. The short ball was dealt with savagely, anything over-pitched almost persuaded away. The promised half-century was not long in coming.

There was but one uneasy moment when, on 43, Richards aimed to drive Mushtaq down the ground. The leg-break turned, took the leading edge and looped in a parabolic arc to extra cover where Folland juggled, juggled again, rolled over and claimed the catch. Richards stood his ground, the umpires conferred twice, and, on the basis that they both had an impeded view, gave the batsman the benefit of the doubt.

Mushtaq gamely applauded Richards when he reached his half-century, even if Folland did not. Six runs later, he was gone, turned around by Kerr and taken at first slip. His 56 had come off 89 balls and included eight fours. Even then, his day was not finished: when Glamorgan took the field after lunch, it was with only ten men.

Mysteriously, they were without Richards for the first six overs. Ranji would explain his absences from Hove by saying he had been for a swim, but no one had the temerity to ask Richards where his taxi had taken him. It was a novel cure for the stomach upset that his captain declared him to have.

Glamorgan had lost their last six wickets for 17 runs. The pitch was slower than on Thursday, but there was still a worn spot short of a length at the old pavilion end to be exploited. Maynard had gone in the first over of the day, edging Caddick to second slip, and if it had not been for Dale making a dogged 47, Glamorgan's innings would have been a sorry story indeed.

Caddick finished with four wickets without bowling especially well. Seemingly enervated after his first experience of international cricket, he often strayed down the leg side. This did not, though, prevent him from running his way through Glamorgan's tail having Lefebvre, Croft and Metson all caught close to the wicket.

It will be to nobody's surprise if he has 100 wickets by the end of the summer. Mushtaq too, will finish with a fair tally, swelled here through removing one middle order batsman, Cottey — brilliantly taken by Tavaré at slip — and one rabbit, Watkin, who did not even bother to attempt to read the googly.

When Somerset batted again, there were more runs for Lathwell, if not made with quite the assurance he showed in the first innings. Indeed, he was on 40 for as many minutes before he hit across one from Watkin that kept low. But Harden and Tavare were thoroughly obdurate. All the captain's renowned defensive abilities will be needed this morning if Somerset are to have any runs to play with.

Fleming adds to Durham misery

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MATTHEW Fleming, of Kent, bludgeoned Durham into submission at Darlington yesterday after the home side had been frustrated by Richard Davis, the night-watchman.

Davis batted for nearly 3½ hours for his 42, which was Kent's highest score until Fleming took 70 off only 65 balls. Kent's total of 317 gave them a lead of 157 and, on a day when 30 overs were lost to rain and bad light, Durham closed on 28 for two in their second innings.

Fleming hit 13 fours and a six out of the ground, over long-on, off John Wood, the seam bowler. Ian Botham, who swung the ball in the overcast conditions, finished with three for 52 and removed Fleming with a brilliant one-handed catch at slip.

Tony Middleton underlined his reputation as one of the game's most dependable openers by rescuing Hampshire at Derby. After being put in on a green pitch, Hampshire slumped to 45 for three before Middleton and Kevan James revived the innings with a century stand.

Middleton's 267-minute innings, watched by Denis Amiss, the England selector, brought him 90 runs and Hampshire respectability after Allan Warner had taken three wickets.

Middleton dug in and maintained his concentration through three breaks for rain to prevent Derbyshire taking complete control.

James made 37 before he drove Frank Griffith to cover and then Dominic Cork restored Derbyshire's advantage by removing Mark Nicholas and Middleton in the space of three balls.

Warner struck another telling blow in the final over by having Malcolm Marshall leg-before to leave Hampshire on 192 for seven.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Cutting loose: Gatting square cuts Salisbury on his way to a well-crafted 70 against Sussex at Lord's

Gatting warms to patient duel in sun

BY JACK BAILEY

LORD'S (second day of four): Middlesex, five first innings wickets remaining, lead Sussex by 97 runs

THE loss of 14 overs to showers was a minor flaw on a day which gave way to a sunlit afternoon and saw Middlesex establish a handsome lead. They had to battle hard against some fine bowling by Ian Salisbury and Eddie Hemmings on a slow pitch. For the connoisseur it was a duel in the sun to be savoured.

There were a number of points to be proved. For his part, Gatting was keen to remind the powers-that-be that putting your hand through a dressing-room door window should be no handicap to being selected for England. He soon showed that his ability was unimpaired.

In company with Haynes, Gatting proceeded circumspectly if not with complete mastery. Salisbury, who also had a fair amount at stake as a result of the day's proceedings, bowled especially well to these two players of the highest class. He kept the ball well up, and although both Haynes and Gatting coped with the assortment of spin he produced, he was certainly never dominated.

With Salisbury wheeling away with his leg spin almost constantly from the nursery end, seldom allowing a positive stroke off the back foot, and with Colin Wells and Hemmings bowling intelligently from the direction of the pavilion, after Stephenson had let fly an early flurry which accounted for Roseberry, there were few cheap runs on offer. On this pitch, the Sussex bowling could never be lethal, but it demanded vigilance. Having said that, the ball produced by Stephenson to send Roseberry on his way with the day only ten overs old, was a corker. Almost from nowhere, he made one lift steeply from a length and Moores did well to catch it as it hurtled down the leg side via Roseberry's glove — and Middlesex were 33 for one.

There is no better player than Haynes, even in his ripening years, to steady the ship and accumulate, unhurried and unfussed. He settled in to ensure that the bowling-out of Sussex for 161 on Thursday would not be wasted. Gatting took his cue from the master and if progress was slow, it was never dull.

Haynes went to his half-century in the last over before lunch, having batted in all for a few minutes short of four hours. But by then Middlesex were only 61 runs short of the Sussex total and 2½ days were left. Even if Salisbury and company had allowed it, there was no need to hurry unduly.

Gatting went to his first championship 50 of the season in his first championship match since May 2, with a square cut off Colin Wells. Three overs later, Haynes surprised everyone, including Colin Wells, the bowler, by playing too early, finding a leading edge and presenting an easy return catch.

By then, he and Gatting had added 115. Thereafter, Gatting could not get the strike for long spells and, partnered first and briefly by Ramprakash, then Carr, he fretted. Impatience and Salisbury's guile lured him to the charge and he was bowled. He had, like Haynes before him, batted for almost four hours. He hit six fours in his 70, which served to rehabilitate him, and leave the stage to Brown and Emburey as the Middlesex lead neared the 100 mark.

Bonus on old council tip

BY JOHN WOODCOCK

GLOUCESTER (Worcestershire won toss; second day of four): Worcestershire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 19 runs ahead of Gloucestershire

THERE could hardly have been a better example of the interest that English cricket is deprived of than at Archdeacon Meadow yesterday. That is the name given to the King's School, Gloucester, ground, where a first-class game is being staged for the first time.

Until not long ago it was a council tip. Today it is a field to be proud of, ringed with poplars and no more than three good lofted drives from the cathedral. Hardly surprisingly, the recent heavy rain had saturated the pitch at one end, and although that meant the loss of Thursday's play, it was the making of yesterday's.

It was worth a hundred, nay, a thousand, days of our staple diet, such as was being dished up when the bowling was to the dry end. That, except for one over, was at medium pace. Had the pitch been dry at both ends the score at close of play would probably have been something like 230 for three, Broad 65, Hodgson 65, Scott 45. The cricket would have followed a predictably colourless pattern.

Instead, we had a glimpse of the game in its natural state, played as it was before the marketing men got their hands on it and when pitches were uncovered; when, after rain, Goddard and Parker sorted out those who could bat from those who had thought they could; when Hammond was master of all he surveyed, when England produced great batsmen and attacking bowlers. That Hancock made a better fist of things than Gloucestershire's other batsmen was because he knows what his feet are for and has cricket in his bones.

At the start of play yesterday Illingworth had not taken five wickets in a championship innings since August 1991; but he showed now that perhaps that is an indictment of the regulations as much as of himself. By three o'clock Gloucestershire had been bowled out for 101, the left-arm spinner's figures being six for 28 in 18.4 overs. He was on by the seventh over, and by his ninth over Gloucestershire were 30 for four. It was the classical recipe, although the turn was never vicious. Of the first five wickets to fall, four went to catches at short leg or silly point and one to a low catch at slip, the batsmen failing, each time, to scotch the spin. Hancock, careless lad, skied a long hop to midwicket. Curtis's short-leg catch to account for Alleyne was a particularly good one.

When it was Gloucestershire's turn to bowl, I looked around for Allen or Mortimore or "Bomber" Wells, and there was "Bomber" with his fingers twitching. "Aaah, I'd give a lot to be out there," he said. As it was, Gloucestershire's modern seam-laden side contained only Mark Davies to exploit the more favourable end. But I went home thinking what a bonus it was that the rain had got through the covers.

IN BRIEF

Sorensen steps in as coach

KURT Sorensen was yesterday appointed player-coach of second division rugby league club, Whitehaven (Christopher Irvine writes). The former New Zealand international's try for Widnes in the Rugby League Challenge Cup final defeat by Wigan earlier this month concluded a highly distinguished eight-year career at Naughton Park.

Sorensen, 36, who made 249 appearances for Widnes, replaces Gordon Cottier and has agreed a year-long contract with the Cumbrian club. Widnes accepted a nominal fee in return.

Russell Smith, of Castleford, has been appointed to referee the three-match series between New Zealand and Australia next month.

Arsenal aim for treble

Football: The Arsenal women's team could go one better than their male counterparts by picking up their third trophy when they face Liverpool's Knowsley United in the League Cup final at Wembley today.

With the premier division championship and the Women's FA Cup already won, Arsenal could achieve a remarkable record as the only women's side to achieve the treble.

Devils get Brabant

Ice hockey: Cardiff Devils have signed Canadian Rick Brabant from Durham Wasps on a two-year contract. Brabant replaces another Canadian, Steve Cadieux. With 994 points from 196 appearances for Durham, Brabant is the all-time second highest Premier scorer behind Tony Hand, of Murrayfield.

Barnett dies

Cricket: Charlie Barnett, the former Gloucestershire and England batsman, died yesterday at the age of 82. From 1927 to 1948 he played 700 innings for the county, scoring 21,222 runs, and was capped 20 times by England, scoring 1,098.

Italian monopoly

Cycling: Guido Bontempi led an Italian clean sweep when in the 130km sixth stage of the Tour of Italy at Messina, Sicily, yesterday. Another Italian, Moreno Argentin, maintained his overall lead.

☐ Pascal Lino, of France, was banned for six months in Paris after failing a drugs test.

Sombre mood

Powerboating: Teams have arrived in Milan in sombre mood for the third grand prix of the world inland championships after the death of the former champion, John Hill, 59, in a crash during the previous round in Abu Dhabi.

British lose grip

Tennis: Great Britain, the holders, lost their grip on the Young Cup — the official world championship for women of 40 and over — when they went down to the United States in Bournemouth yesterday.

Jacobs defends

Boxing: Gary Jacobs will make the first defence of his European welterweight title in his native Glasgow against Daniel Bicchieray, of France, on September 15.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Durham v Kent

DARLINGTON *(second day of four) Durham, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 129 runs behind Kent*

DURHAM: First Innings 160 (W Larkins 54, A P Igglesden 8-58)

Second Innings

W Larkins not out	8
J D Glendenen c Davis b McCague	0
P W G Parker low b Igglesden	8
P Bainbridge not out	9
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total (2 wkts)	28

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-18

BOWLING: McCague 6-2-7-1; Igglesden 6-1-18-1.

KENT: First Innings

T R Ward low b Botham	28
*M R Benson b Cummins	25
N R Taylor low b Botham	35
R P Davis c Fothergill b Brown	42
C L Hooper c Larkins b Cummins	19
N J Llong c Glendenen b Wood	27
M V Fleming c Botham b Bainbridge	70
†S A Marsh low b Wood	1
D W Headley not out	23
M J McCague b Bainbridge	0
A P Igglesden b Botham	7
Extras (b 5, lb 14, w 3, nb 19)	41
Total (99.3 overs)	317

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-75, 3-130, 4-161, 5-207, 6-215, 7-238, 8-300, 9-302.

BOWLING: Cummins 29-9-76-2, Brown 27-9-71-1; Wood 17-2-75-2; Botham 19.3-3-52-3; Graveney 2-0-9-0; Bainbridge 5-1-15-2.

Bonus point: Durham 4, Kent 7.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and R A White

Gloucestershire v Worcestershire

KING'S SCHOOL, GLOUCESTER: *(second day of four; Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 19 runs ahead of Gloucestershire*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad c Leatherdale b Illingworth	5
G D Hodgson c Curtis b Illingworth	9
R J Scott c Lampitt b Hick	13
M W Alleyne c Lampitt b Illingworth	2
*A J Wright c Leatherdale b Illingworth	0
T H C Hancock c Illingworth b Hick	32
†R C Russell c Hick b Benjamin	9
A M Smith low b Illingworth	9
M Davies low b Benjamin	2
C A Walsh at Rhodes b Illingworth	5
K E Cooper not out	1
Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 1, nb 6)	14
Total (52.4 overs)	101

FALL OF WICKETS 1-15, 2-26, 3-30, 4-30, 5-65, 6-78, 7-83, 8-93.

BOWLING: Benjamin 16-7-32-2; Tolley 3-0-8-0; Illingworth 18.4-6-28-6; Newport 8-3-11-0; Hick 6-3-15-2.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*T S Curtis not out	60
W P C Weston c and b Davies	17
G A Hick not out	34
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 2)	9
Total (1 wkt, 54 overs)	120

D A Leatherdale, A C H Seymour, †D J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, C M Tolley, R K Illingworth, P J Newport, K C G Benjamin to bat.

BOWLING: Walsh 12-4-27-0; Cooper 13-3-18-0; Davies 18-6-37-1; Smith 8-1-25-0; Alleyne 3-1-7-0.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 0, Worcestershire 4.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and P B Wight

Middlesex v Sussex

LORD'S *(second day of four): Middlesex, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 97 runs ahead of Sussex*

SUSSEX: First Innings 161 (F D Stephenson 60; N F Williams 6-61)

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

D L Haynes c and b C M Wells	73
M A Roseberry c Moores b Stephenson	11
*M W Gatting b Salisbury	70
M R Ramprakash low b Salisbury	1
J D Carr c Athey b C M Wells	19
†K R Brown not out	39
J E Emburey not out	26
Extras (b 7, lb 6, w 1, nb 2)	16
Total (5 wkts, 107 overs)	258

N F Williams, A R C Fraser, P C R Tufnell and N G Cowans to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-148, 3-153, 4-178, 5-194.

BOWLING: Stephenson 20-3-41-1, Giddins 20-4-50-0; C M Wells 15-4-36-2; Salisbury 32-8-76-2; Hemmings 19-5-42-0; Lenham 1-1-0-0.

Bonus points: Middlesex 4, Sussex 0.

Umpires: D O Oslear and G A Stickley

Derbyshire v Hampshire

DERBY *(second day of four; Derbyshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 192 for seven wickets against Derbyshire*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry c Adams b Warner	4
T C Middleton c Maher b Cork	90
D I Gower c and b Warner	5
R A Smith c Cork b Warner	9
K D James c Cork b Griffith	37
*M C J Nicholas c Morris b Cork	15
M D Marshall low b Warner	5
†A N Aymes not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 3, nb 10)	26
Total (7 wkts, 87.4 overs)	192

M Jean-Jacques, S D Udal and C A Connor to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-29, 3-45, 4-147, 5-163, 6-184, 7-192.

BOWLING: Malcolm 14-2-30-0; Warner 20 4-8-33-4; Cork 21-8-25-2; Griffith 15-0-38-1; Adams 7-0-28-0; Vandrau 10-3-25-0

DERBYSHIRE: *†K J Barnett, P D Bowler, J E Morris, C J Adams, T J G O'Gorman, F A Griffith, †P J M Maher, D G Cork, A E Warner, M J Vandrau and D E Malcolm.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 3, Hampshire 0

Umpires: B Dudleston and R Palmer.

Somerset v Glamorgan

TAUNTON *(second day of four): Somerset, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 128 runs behind Middlesex*

SOMERSET: First Innings 185 (M N Lathwell 94; S L Watkin 4-45)

Second Innings

A N Hayhurst c Metson b Frost	8
M N Lathwell b Watkin	40
R J Harden b Lefebvre	35
*C J Tavaré not out	33
N A Folland not out	6
Extras (lb 4)	4
Total (3 wkts)	124

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-32, 2-69, 3-108

BOWLING: Watkin 14-4-31-1, Lefebvre 15-8-18-1, Frost 10-1-37-1, Croft 26-15-29-0; Dale 3-1-5-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James c Rose b van Troost	35
*H Morris c Tavaré b van Troost	53
A Dale c Burns b Kerr	47
M P Maynard c Tavare b Caddick	25
I V A Richards c Harden b Kerr	58
P A Cottey c Tavare b Mushtaq	9
R D B Croft c Burns b Caddick	9
R P Lefebvre c Harden b Caddick	0
†C P Metson c Lathwell b Caddick	6
S L Watkin c Hayhurst b Mushtaq	0
M Frost not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 1, nb 2)	10
Total (91.5 overs)	262

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-74, 2-99, 3-136, 4-218, 5-235, 6-235, 7-244, 8-245, 9-250.

BOWLING: Caddick 23-4-63-4; Kerr 18-2-58-2; Mushtaq Ahmed 29.5-11-62-2; Rose 11-2-34-0; van Troost 12-2-30-2.

Bonus points: Somerset 4, Glamorgan 6.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and P Willey.

No play yesterday

LIVERPOOL: Lancashire v Warwickshire

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Colchester: Somerset 277 (N A Mallender 59, S J W Andrew 4-57) and 62-1 dec; Essex 83-3 dec and 180-8 (N V Knight 76 not out; A Payne 4-42). Essex drew with Somerset. Swansea: Glamorgan First innings forfeited and 186-9 dec (M A Eatham 4-53). Kent: First innings forfeited and 63-3. Glamorgan drew with Kent. Portsmouth: Hampshire 300-9 dec and 143-9 dec (P Carrick 4-23); Yorkshire 201 and 168-8 (R J Maru 4-52) Hants drew with Yorks. Lensbury: Middlesex 196 (Aftab Habib 86) and 100 (M Bens 4-15); Durham 191 (P N Weekes 5-62) and 84 (ICT Dutch 5-18). Middlesex beat Durham by 21 runs. No play yesterday: Walmley: Warwickshire drew with Lancashire. Oundle School: Worcestershire 193; Northamptonshire 111-1 (N A Stanley 63 not out). Worcs drew with Northants.

SPORT

SATURDAY MAY 29 1993

Sheringham searching for quality service

Sheringham: debut

FROM ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
IN KATOWICE

FOOTBALL is bliss in a world of ignorance. The England team, isolated in as near to a luxury hotel as the depressed mining area of south Poland can offer, plays here tonight the first of two crucial matches on the way to the promised land of the 1994 World Cup finals.

It is a measure of that concentration that, while Graham Taylor was confirming that Teddy Sheringham would make his England debut, Poland's latest prime minister, and her government, were being voted out because of the failure to provide an economic miracle in a place that makes the Rhondda look like an employment haven.

While English talk was of how Sheringham is as close to an old fashioned England centre forward as the manager can find, the Polish players were, in their considerably downmarket hotel, and between anxious discussions about what life in general holds for them, considering the man who would counter Sheringham's aerial threat, Kazimierz Wergzyn.

Wergzyn, an international on nine occasions had trials with Leeds United two months ago and, though his national manager wanted no discussion on any pending move, Wergzyn believes that, at 26, he has guaranteed his escape to future employment in Yorkshire.

If so — and Leeds yesterday denied they had signed him — he would join eight of Poland's anticipated team for tonight as a foreign-based player. It would have been nine but Andrzej Rudy has been prevented from guiding his nation as their playmaker because his German club, Cologne, insists that he play in a relegation match.

The Poland management had tried to invoke Fifa regulations to release the player, who defected to the west in 1988. Cologne gave him a living and an identity and the strict letter of Fifa's law could not, in his case, be applied.

It seems unfair. A man like Sheringham, already well off following his £2 million moves from Millwall to Nottingham Forest to Tottenham Hotspur, can, at 27 and in the protected atmosphere of his team camp, relish a new extension to his life.

Taylor concedes that the effectiveness or otherwise of his new centre forward will depend on the quality of crosses. He said his side must first control the middle of a vast and open pitch and then get John Barnes and Tony Dorigo moving and crossing from the left.

Sheringham also touched on the service he requires. "We do not exactly have any real wide player," he said, "and I am not as eye-catching as Les Ferdinand. But the exciting part about it is that although Les is not quite fit, Ian Wright is, and I have been chosen ahead of him."

Pragmatism in Poland. This is a place, particularly in the Silesian steel and coal fields, where pollution is as obvious as coal beneath the fingertips. Respiratory disease is a fact of life. Small wonder England's players are in their own four-star concentration and that, inevitably, Paul Gascoigne is another topic of conversation.

Both Gascoigne and Taylor would rather he does not wear the yellow mask the Italians designed to protect his depressed cheekbone. But last night came the insistence that Lazio, the club that pays his wages and the insurance premium, that the mask be worn.

There is pessimism in the Polish camp and in the supporters, some 50,000 of whom are expected to pay between £2 and £4 to three-quarter fill the vast Slaski Stadium. This despite the recession and that the game is live on television. They are desperate for something to cheer.

The Poles will look to Roman Szewezcki, the local player, to fill the role of *libero* and, with his accuracy at free kicks, to expose England in defence. Without Rudy, the orchestration must come from another home-based player, Jerzy Brzeczek.

But it is on the wings where Poland hope to fly, with Jacek Zoiber and Roman Kosecki, who displayed the darting, direct self-belief to set up the 3-0 victory in San Marino ten days ago. It gave them hope that if their country cannot go forward, then maybe the players can carry it towards a fantasy in the United States next summer.

England will do everything they can to deny that. A draw looks in prospect.

David Miller, page 34
Taylor portrait, page 34

GROUP 3 TO DETAILS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	5	4	1	0	18	3	9
England	5	3	2	0	15	3	8
Holland	6	3	2	1	17	8	8
Poland	4	3	1	0	7	2	7
Turkey	6	1	1	6	7	17	3
San Marino	8	0	1	7	1	32	1

REMAINING FIXTURES: Today: Poland v England. Jun 2: Norway v England. Jun 9: Holland v Norway. Sept 8: England v Poland. Sept 22: San Marino v Holland, Norway v Poland. Oct 13: Holland v England, Poland v Norway. Oct 27: Turkey v Poland. Nov 10: Turkey v Norway. Nov 16: San Marino v England. Nov 17: Poland v Holland.

POLAND: J Bako (Besiktas); M Kozminski (Udinese), R Szewezcki (GKS Galowice), K Wegrzyn (Hutnik Krakow), P Czachowski (Udinese), R Kosecki (Ossauna), J Brzeczek (Gornik Zabrze), D Adamczuk (Eintracht Frankfurt), J Ziober (Montpellier; J Furtok (Hamburger SV), M Lesniak (SC Wattenscheid).

ENGLAND: C Woods (Sheffield Wednesday); L Dixon (Arsenal), A Adams (Arsenal), D Walker (Sampdoria), A Dorigo (Leeds United), P Ince (Manchester United), P Gascoigne (Lazio), C Palmer (Sheffield Wednesday), J Barnes (Liverpool), D Platt (Juventus), E Sheringham (Tottenham Hotspur).

Wallace eager to take part

FROM DAVID HANDS
IN WELLINGTON

RICHARD Wallace arrived here yesterday to reinforce the the British Isles rugby union squad. The Irish wing, who heard the news of his call-up to replace injured Ian Hunter in Rosie O'Grady's Bar in Moscow, where he was on a business trip, is looking forward to an early start against *Canterbury on Wednesday*.

That is where his tour with Ireland last year ended prematurely: Wallace scored a try in Ireland's opening match against South Canterbury and a second against Canterbury at Christchurch before a punch from Andy Earl broke his jaw and he returned home with six matches to play.

"I could't believe it initially and I had to ring home to check it out," Wallace said. Happily he remained active at home until May 8, when he played in the Limerick sevens, having recovered from a whiplash injury to his shoulder during the World Cup sevens at Murrayfield in April.

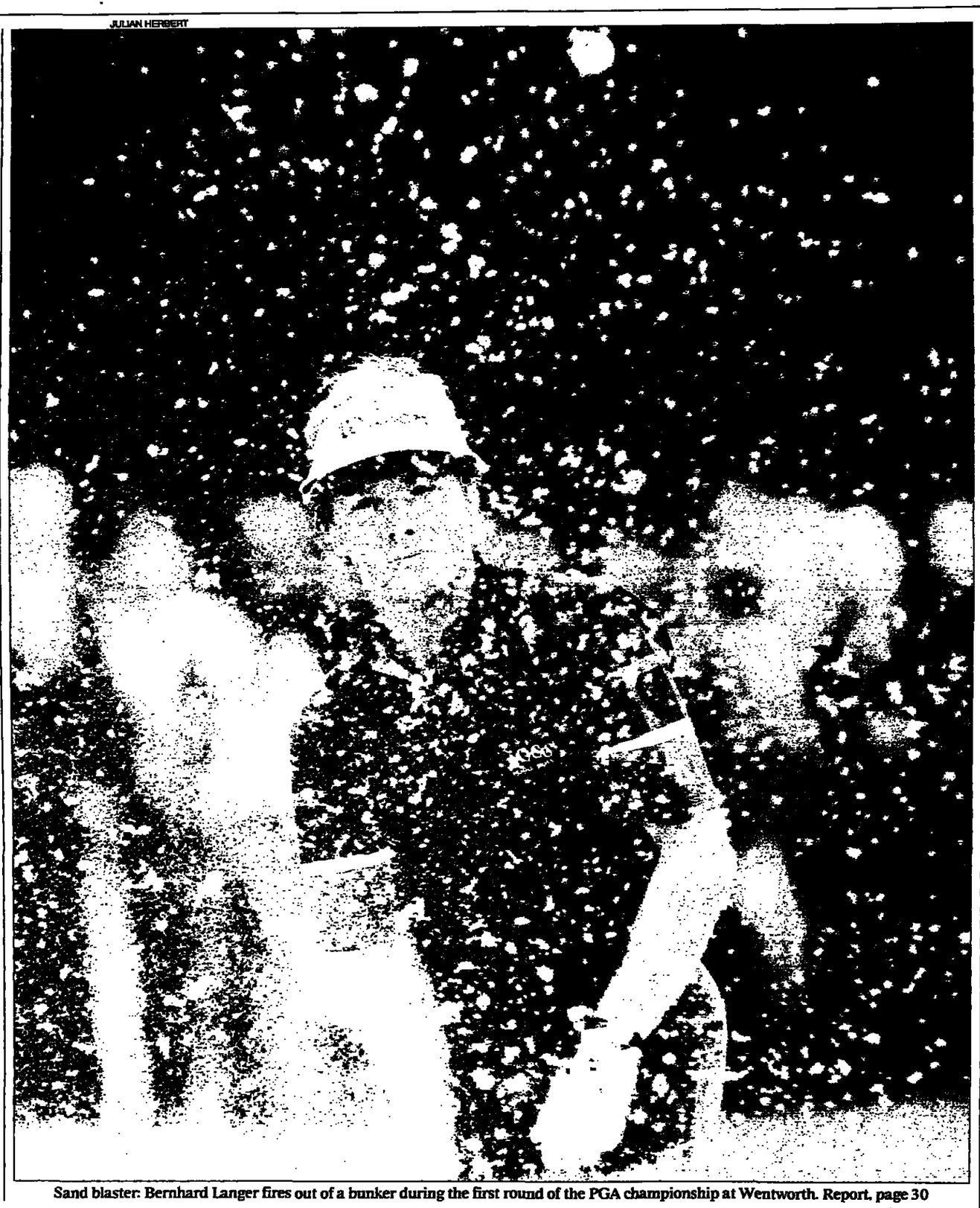
It has been a remarkable conclusion to the domestic season for Wallace, who has won ten caps: not only did he share in the revival of Ireland's five nations' fortunes, he appeared in the world sevens and his last 15-a-side game was on May 1, when Garryowen beat Young Munster in the final of the Munster Senior Cup. Now he adds a Lions jersey to his individual honours board.

Earl has since retired, so Wallace will not be required to face him. If he plays in Christchurch, his direct opponent for Canterbury will be Steve Cleave, who scored four tries in a record 88-12 win over Southland last weekend.

The Lions will be without Richard Webster, the Swansea flanker, for today's game against the New Zealand Maoris. Webster, who has made a distinct impression on New Zealanders during the first two matches, is still feeling a sore tendon in his ankle, and James Robson, the Lions doctor, has advised another two days' rest. Peter Winterbottom replaces him.

Hopley holds key, page 32

JULIAN HERBERT



Sand blaster: Bernhard Langer fires out of a bunker during the first round of the PGA championship at Wentworth. Report, page 30

Football fans invade Poland

BY JOHN GOODBODY

MORE than 2,000 England football supporters, including known troublemakers, are expected be in Poland today for a World Cup qualifying tie that could provoke similar disturbances to the game 18 months ago.

British police fear that once again there could be problems at the most important match on the Continent since the violence in Malmö and Stockholm during the 1992 European championship. Already travelling Englishmen have injured a number of Germans in a brawl in Berlin.

Police sources in London are concerned that if England lose in either Poland or Norway, whom they play in Oslo on Wednesday, hooliganism will break out as it has done so often when bad results have caused frustration.

The contingent of supporters, which has begun to arrive in Katowice, is larger than expected because a visa is no longer required for Poland and because food and drink are so cheap. In November 1991, when England qualified for the European championship with a 1-1 draw in Poznan, there was a series of incidents involving England followers and local residents and police.

One police source said yesterday: "Our supporters thought that the Poles were a 'soft touch'. However, they fought back and now some English troublemakers are out for revenge."

England Under-21 encountered little difficulty against their Polish counterparts in Jastrzebie yesterday, winning 4-1, with two goals from Andrew Cole, the Newcastle United striker.

Poland took the lead after 90 seconds, when Dabrowski scored following a corner, but England replied with two goals in a minute. Darren Anderton, the Tottenham winger, was the architect of both, his deflected cross headed in by Richard Hall for the equaliser and his free kick leading to first of Cole's goals. Cole struck again three minutes after half-time after exchanging passes with Anderton, who volleyed in the fourth eight minutes from time.

Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday have been charged with misconduct by the Football Association for fielding under-strength teams in the run-up to the FA Cup final. Both could be heavily fined.

The clubs met in a Premier League match at Hillsborough on May 6, when Wednesday fielded only five players who started at Wembley on May 15, and Arsenal one. It was similar to May 11, when the clubs were involved in matches against Queens Park Rangers and Tottenham Hotspur, respectively. The Premier League said then that it did not intend to act.

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Bowler now old hat at Epsom races

THE big question of the coming sporting week is this: what can we do to prevent a false start at the Derby on Wednesday? What can we do to prevent a re-run of the Captain Brown scenario and the hilarious chaos of the Grand National? Obviously, the first thing is to get rid of the bowler hat, and Epsom racecourse have gone ahead and done exactly that. The racecourse flunkey — a fearsome breed, one of whose number prevented me from watching the race last year — will no longer wear *le chapeau Capitaine Brown*. The bowler has been banned: "no longer appropriate to the modern age".

Apparently the gatemen will be wearing trilbies, or perhaps panamas. A spokesman with immaculate syntax said: "We will be handing people a stick with which to beat us if we carry on asking our gatemen to wear bowler hats." However, the gatemen at Ascot will still wear the hats up with which Epsom will not put. The bowler has become so devastatingly unfashionable that the only course open to a person of spirit is to buy one and wear it to the races.

Wide of mark

The German newspaper *Der Spiegel* has treated its own readers to an in-depth analysis of England, cricket and John Major. It is fascinating stuff. "Cricket was a family affair: you drove into the country to see a match, the children practised their strokes on adjoining land, mother sat knitting on her camping chair, father talked cricket, read *The Times* and drank beer. But the increased alchohol controls of the 70s spoiled the idyll. Fathers feared the incalculable risks on the drive home and in future took the bus to the football stadium instead."

SIMON BARNES
Sporting Diary

The event of the year is unquestionably the women's cricket World Cup, which starts in July. Already, my hero is Cathryn Fitzpatrick, of Australia: fast bowler and, for the past two years, garbage collector (or "garbo"). She found the job difficult at first: "Some of the bins are like supermarket trolleys, and they have minds of their own — but now I can do the job as well as everyone else."

Demolition job

I am heartily fed up with the way cricketers give the stumps an occasional whack to demonstrate dissatisfaction with their dismissal. If you are going to do a job, you should do it properly. I read in *Wisden Cricket Monthly* that the Tamil Nadu opener, V. B. Chandrasekhar faces disciplinary action after demolishing the stumps at both ends. Chandrasekhar denies trying to assault the umpire.

Golf fantastic

Here is a must for all golfers: the world's first Fantasy Golf Camp. It will be held in the world's second most loathsome city, Las Vegas (Atlantic City is even nastier) and there to share it with you will be Tom Kite, John Daly, Fuzzy Zoeller, Davis Love III and another 50 professional golfers. To join them, to receive individual instruction from them, and to play alongside them in four days of pro-am competition, all you have to do is cough up $25,000.

For this you get your air fare to Las Vegas from anywhere in the States, accommodation at Caesar's Palace, "gourmet" dining "with the pros at world renowned restaurants", and, of course, loadsagolf. How could anyone resist? Get on that phone right away, and dial 0101-212-980-GOLF. Yup: "This is can't-miss fun and excitement with the pros for anyone from the business executive to the blue collar worker who loves the game of golf." I can't go myself, alas. I have a subsequent engagement.

In overdrive

As Our Nige prepares to do his stuff in the Indy 500 this weekend, I have a press release about a recent Nigel Mansell autograph session: "Virtually every ethnic and economic segment was represented, and all of them adoring Mansell fans . . . He was throughout attentive to each, thoroughly focused on the person before him, frequently joking and obviously enjoying himself. He held babies in his arms, kissing them for photographs that will long remain treasured items in the family album. It began to dawn why the Brits have taken him to their hearts, for he truly has the touch." No reference to the way Nigel also stopped the sun in its course, held back the tide, made the dumb speak and the blind see, and then cured the king's evil. No room on the press release, I suppose.

CHILDREN

Horsing around at half term

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Bats get out of the belfry

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Fast moves on New York streets

Tom Rhodes falls prey to the chess hustlers of Greenwich Village, where the game is all about speed

SHANNON SWEENEY

Winning gambit: chess has left the exclusive clubs for the street culture of places such as Washington Square in Greenwich Village — "the guy doesn't wanna move. Someone call the cops, he's loitering."

POE, as he likes to be known, sits by himself at a stone chessboard in New York's Washington Square. "You wanna game?" he asks. "$10 — £5 to you." The game, if indeed it can be called that, lasts about two minutes, and Poe is soon pocketing a crisp $10 bill.

He is neither master nor grandmaster; merely one of the many hustlers who crowd the 19 tables in the heart of Greenwich Village. He has been playing chess "the New York way" for as long as he can remember.

The New York way, as Poe describes it, has very little to do with the brooding, cerebral game most often seen in Europe. It is fast, tense and, more often than not, accompanied by an extraordinary street patois understood only by an inner circle in this southwest corner of the square.

Poe describes his non-stop taunts at the chess table as "playing chess without the chessboard". He starts, in the case of certain prospective combatants, by saying: "You're a fish, you're a patzer; you can't play." Fish and patzer are widely used terms for an easy mark. If anyone hesitates in what must be some of the fastest speed chess on offer, Poe will turn, roll his eyes and shout to fellow hustlers: "The guy doesn't wanna move. Someone call the cops, he's loitering."

This constant patter, combined with quite serious ability, is enough to break the concentration of even the most enthusiastic amateur, and although Poe would never admit as much, he can probably make a healthy $200 on a fine summer's day.

There are those who maintain that New York's power as a chess Mecca is long dead. Others, including some of the game's true masters, say the centre has merely shifted from luxurious dinner clubs to the streets where, they say, at any one time it is possible to find some of the world's best players mingling with some of its most disreputable characters. Garry Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov are among many of the game's stars who have visited the square. Nigel Short, says Poe, has yet to pay his respects.

From Central Park to Brighton Beach and from Liberty Square to Broadway, hundreds of New Yorkers, and visitors, are to be found playing the game. Washington Square is probably the most atmospheric example of the genre — not least because of the ubiquitous crack dealing which takes place within earshot of the players. It is a place where the culture of the street meets the élitist world of chess. It is also where Bobby Fischer once played in the 1950s.

His legend lives on in the park. Last year Washington Square became the centrepiece for a film entitled *Searching for Bobby Fischer*, based on the book of the same name by Fred Waitzkin. In fact, the story is not about Fischer, but about Mr Waitzkin's son Joshua, a chess prodigy who found his calling in the square.

The makers of the film, scheduled for release in August, were less than delighted when they heard that Fischer was coming out of retirement to play his old rival Boris Spassky. While Fischer was meant to be a constant metaphor through the film, his was not intended to be a tangible presence. They soon realised, however, that having the legend back again could only be beneficial to their celluloid portrayal of youthful genius.

What is undisputed throughout the city is that the film and the interest kindled by the *Times* World Chess Championship will only enhance an already widespread renaissance of the game in New York, and indeed in other parts of the United States.

In New York, the new interest is probably imperceptible to old-timers, who remember a plethora of romantic downbeat halls where they would hang out and play a little chess for a couple of bucks. The Game Room, The Chess House, Rusalinos Chess Station, and the Times Square Chess and Checkers Club have all been either bought up or closed down. The Greenwich Village Chess Shop, a haven for all on a rainy afternoon, is the only cheap indoor venue, where the evening clicking of speed clocks reminds the many observers of a New York chess scene now long departed.

The richer enthusiasts, of course, can still be found bent over beautifully carved tables in the sedate surroundings of the Manhattan Chess Club and the Marshall Chess Club. Venerable bastions though these may be, few people consider them to be at the heart of the vibrant new street culture of chess. The new scene is the same as the old scene — except exponents of the game are no longer the middle-class liberals of New York, but an underclass which sees chess, as other sports before it, as a way out of the ghetto.

IN A strange way, the black and white pieces of the board have perhaps come to symbolise the racial tensions of the inner city. Last year a group of youngsters from the Adam Clayton Powell junior school in Harlem beat all of their fee-paying peers to become junior high school champions. The Raging Rooks, as they are known, and their hip trainer Maurice Ashley — himself a product of Greenwich Village blitz chess — caused quite a stir. They came from poor homes, had been hounded for truancy, and at least one had never even travelled in a lift before being invited into central Manhattan after the team's success.

"All the other players in the tournament came from exclusive private establishments," says Robert Rice, the first commissioner of the new Professional Chess Association, "but the team from Harlem cleaned the clocks."

Mr Rice, who founded the moneyed Wall Street Chess Club, is promoting a programme for chess at schools throughout America. Based in less affluent neighbourhoods such as Harlem and the Bronx, the programme also operates in San Francisco, Houston, Chicago and Washington DC. The belief is that an enthusiasm for chess will inspire learning — "they learn to read to discover the answers to chess problems", he says.

While Poe and his colleagues in Washington Square will doubtless never make the grade as international chess players, there is little doubt that there is an eight-year-old waiting in the wings on Washington Square to steal the mantle from Bobby Fischer.

● *The Times World Chess Championship match between Gary Kasparov and Nigel Short begins on September 7, 1993. To book a seat, ring First Call on 071-497 9977.*

It's a wonderful monarchist life

WEEKEND VOICE: Mary Killen

I love the Queen, so last year was an *annus horribilis* for me as well. Call me sentimental, but some of the most emotionally charged experiences of my life have occurred when watching royal weddings and the like, and I wish I had seen the coronation.

It's not the royals themselves but the human response to the occasions which I find moving. Anything to do with a mass of people celebrating what they believe to be a good thing makes buckets of tears start their descent down my face. So many flowed during the wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales that, weighing myself afterwards, I was surprised not to have lost a couple of pounds.

That wedding, in 1981, came as such a relief after the seedy 1970s, during which I contributed to my own despair about humankind by buying the domineering *Cosmopolitan* magazine. Month after month came its dictates of compulsory sex with strangers involving circus acrobat positions and multiple orgasms after you had chucked your husband out and got most of his money before mounting the career ladder on your way to the ultimate achievement. It was tacitly understood that this meant becoming the editor of *Cosmopolitan*.

No wonder I enjoyed the one blip of wholesomeness that came in 1977 with the Queen's silver jubilee. *Every* street in the country had a jubilee party, and I was amazed to see even the most hardened vice kings and queens stay glued to their television sets all day with bottles of champagne, even though some pretended they were watching the proceedings because they were so "high camp" — something which was fashionable that year. The Queen was said to be surprised at the extent of the wave of support.

Now you may say that it was all a sham. The royals weren't a united family, and it turned out that the marriage of Charles and Di was the stuff of which Grimm's fairy tales were made. Yet I don't think those waves of public euphoria of 1953, 77 and 81 have been devalued because the Queen's children have marriage problems. It was the symbolic display that counted; the inspiring evidence that most people prefer virtue to vice, and wholesomeness to depravity, because at the time, that's what they were celebrating.

This innate desire for things to be nice rather than nasty can be witnessed in films as well. Who can watch the James Stewart film *It's A Wonderful Life*, for example, without feeling sentimental? The story starts with Stewart wishing he had never been born. By the end, he realises what a wonderful life it has been, and the film's climax shows the townspeople surging into his house to offer help and support to relieve his problems. I was watching with a normally cynical man who, as he blinked back the tears, commented: "Interesting how *mass* emotion is so affecting."

Well, we can't all watch *It's A Wonderful Life* simultaneously as a state occasion to show us all how nice we are, *au fond*. What we need are figureheads like the royals to generate state events for us to unite our emotional responses. In my opinion, the Queen has never done anything wrong in her life, and the Prince of Wales only one wrong thing under severe provocation.

The bandwagon of chippiness must be stopped, if only for pragmatic reasons. Money is at stake. The tourist industry is pivotal to Britain's economic survival. Go anywhere where tourists go and you will see all the evidence you need that it's the royals who attract them to this country. Other countries envy us the royals: the Queen just has to host one party on the royal yacht Britannia in the Far East, and millions of pounds of orders for British-made goods come in.

Even were the mob to drive the Queen out of her palaces, they would not be opened up as shelters for the homeless. They would still have to be kept up, and the staff paid directly instead of via the Civil List.

Princess Grace of Monaco was once asked by a gauche reporter whether she didn't find it embarrassing being curtsied to. She said no, because it was the symbol the people were curtsying to, not to her personally. Equally, I don't mind kow-towing to the Queen. She is my head of state and, in a way, it's like kow-towing to myself.

Discussing this with writer Andrew Barrow, who receives the Hawthornden Prize next week for his novel *The Tap Dancer*, I was thrilled to hear him say he had just seen the Queen being driven along Kensington High Street, and how the ordinary shoppers there had spontaneously formed themselves into a route-lining, cheering crowd. "I myself was *reeling* with respect," Barrow said.

"We need a hierarchical hero structure, and if you take the Queen away, who is there as a figurehead? Baroness Trumpington?"

FROM A CATHEDRAL SKELETON TO AN ENGLISH CARRIAGE ...

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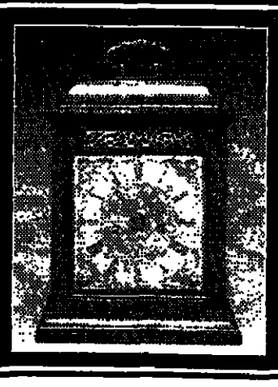

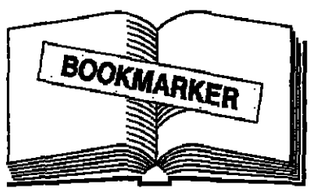

Derwent May on what the critics say about the week's new books

● **Husbands vs father:** Jilly Cooper's new novel, *The Man Who Made Husbands Jealous* (Bantam, £15.99), is top of the best sellers in hardback fiction; Robert Harris's Hitler thriller *Fatherland* (Arrow, £4.99) has just gone into paperback and immediately become number one on that best-selling fiction list. Who will be the first to fall off the top of the ladder?

● **More fathers:** There are a lot of fathers about. The winner of this year's Hawthornden Prize is Andrew Barrow with *The Tap Dancer* (Duckworth, £14.99), a novel about an eccentric pater — à propos of which Lord Quinton, the chairman of the judges, remarked: "Books about fathers are always interesting — there's Edmund Gosse, the Bible . . ."

Now, Blake Morrison's *And When Did You Last See Your Father?* (Granta, £14.99) has entered the stakes. It is a memoir of his GP father, Arthur Morrison, who invented new (but not wholly successful) forms of sleeping bag and electric toothbrush, and died 18 months ago at the age of 75.

Hugo Williams was very enthusiastic about it in the *Spectator*: "Nobody's father is ordinary, but this one is an absolute collector's item," he said. Morrison had given us "a magical brainstorm of memories". Nick Hornby in the *Sunday Times* thought it was brilliant, above all because of Morrison's "unflinching gaze".

James Saynor in the *Observer* was more uneasy: he felt that "the more Morrison goes in search of the inner Arthur, the more he ends up with a catalogue of mannerisms". Meanwhile, in the *Daily Telegraph*, Nicholas Mosley had detected psychological problems in Morrison junior: wasn't his obsession with his father "of the same kind as his father's obsession to pry into and try to regulate the lives of his children"? And "totally unexplained is the author's reluctance to write about his mother."

● **Is there anybody there?** Nearly everybody knows Walter de la Mare's poem *The Traveller*, but few people know anything about the poet himself. W. H. Auden remarked that you never feel that the "I" of the poems is the man you might meet at dinner — and de la Mare has had to wait 40 years since his death for the first biography of him.

Theresa Whistler's *Imagination of the Heart: The Life of Walter de la Mare* (Duckworth, £25) received a fairly consistent reception. "The life hardly exists as an event," said Andrew Motion in the *Observer*, but the book "warmly appreciates de la Mare's genius." John Gross in the *Sunday Telegraph* thought the book skilfully steered a middle course between the "mundane facts" and the "gleam and vision" in the poetry, which was best when it conveyed "the child's sense of mystery and endlessness".

Jeremy Treglown in the *Independent on Sunday* agreed that "most of his best verses were written for children", and Francis King in the *Evening Standard* said the same — there was "a gnomic wisdom worthy of Blake" in the best of those. He judged the book to be "impeccably researched", but he ended by comparing de la Mare with Philip Larkin — and managed to knock them both down with a single blow: "Does a minor poet," he asked, "whose life is unmemorable for anything but his poetry deserve so long a biography?"

● **Can you forgive her?** The new Joanna Trollope novel, *A Spanish Lover* (Bloomsbury, £15.99) was praised by David Hughes in the *Mail on Sunday*: "a flood of well-managed emotion". But some of her loyal readers did not like her going to Spain for half her plot. The Spanish scenes were "all romance and geraniums", wrote Katie Owen in the *Sunday Telegraph*, while Carla McKay declared decisively in the *Daily Mail*: "Gone off the boil."

● **Ready for the Royals again?** Three more assaults on the pot of gold are in the bookshops this weekend. They are A. N. Wilson's analytical *The Rise and Fall of the House of Windsor* (Sinclair-Stevenson, £16.99); the cool *Behind Palace Doors* (Orion, £16.99) by Nigel Dempster and Peter Evans; and James Whitaker's excitable *Diana v Charles* (Signet, £14.99). Take your pick, if you can bear to.

Where knightly spirits dwell

Ruth Gledhill takes a worshipper's view of matins at St George's, the Garter chapel at Windsor Castle

ROYAL watchers who go to the Queen's Free Chapel of St George to see the Queen at church on Sunday are likely to be disappointed. The Queen, castle staff and Crown employees who live in Windsor Great Park usually attend her own private chapel within the grounds of the Royal Lodge in Windsor Great Park.

The Queen and her family do go to St George's on Easter Day and other formal occasions, when the public is welcome. But St George's is well worth a visit in its own right, simply to marvel at the exquisite music and architecture, and to hear the Dean of Windsor preach.

The chapel is free in the sense that it is not under the jurisdiction of a bishop or archbishop. It is the spiritual home of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, and the quire has possibly the finest display of historic heraldry in the world.

Seated before us in statuesque splendour in the lower stalls were the Military Knights of Windsor, originally called the poor or alms knights, in decorative scarlet uniforms last redesigned in the time of William IV. Technically these are deputies of the Knights of the Garter. All are distinguished soldiers — a brigadier, colonels and majors — who live within the castle walls.

The Most Noble Order of the Garter, the oldest existing monarchical order of chivalry, was founded by Edward III in 1348 after the capture of Calais. Besides a banner, helm with a crest, sword and mantling, every knight has a brass stall plate, and this is the only heraldic achievement which remains in place in the quire after death. All other items are removed, to be replaced by those of his successor. The oldest of the 750 brass and enamel plates is that of Lord Basset, which dates from about 1390.

St George's feels like the ultimate parish church, where pre and post-Reformation history intermingle in colourful and at times bewildering display. Those of us who stayed after matins for communion walked to rail over a stone marking the burial vault of Charles I, Henry VIII and Henry's third wife, Jane Seymour, who died giving birth. In front of us, the grey morning light filtered through the 19th-century Clayton and Bell stained-glass in the east window, showing the magnificent 15th-century William Berkeley woodwork at its best. And in the unlikely event of the view from the pew becoming dull, we could browse through an impressive display of service books.

Because it was matins, a choir office, the clergy wore the choir habit, with murrey, or mulberry, cassocks and surplice, scarf and hood. For communion they changed into white and gold copes with stoles. The friendliness of the clergy, combined with the impressive surroundings, made visitors feel welcome but also rather privileged to be there at all. The dean explained: "We are a mixture of stuffiness, informality and complete chaos." I looked carefully but saw no signs of chaos.

Matins, or morning prayer as it is sometimes called, grew out of the monastic tradition, when monks divided the day into "hours" of prayer. Since the Reformation, it has been associated mainly with the Church of England. Recently, a few Roman Catholic churches have started to celebrate morning prayer with their congregations, although it has always been part of worship in monasteries and convents. We began with a prayer, confession, a hymn and a psalm, followed by the first lesson, a canticle, the second lesson and another hymn. The most beautiful part was the intercessionary prayers, when the dean recited his own compilation, beginning with prayers for the Queen and for the Most Noble Order of the Garter. We prayed that Christians everywhere, mindful of baptism, might witness eternal values and truth, that we might so pass through things temporal, that we find and not lose the things eternal.

This was followed by a rare event, the publication of banns of marriage between Gary Wilson, a bachelor of Windsor Castle, and Christine Ansell of Windsor. St George's, a self-governing secular community of priests, laymen and women, has no parish and weddings are infrequent. Mr Wilson is the son of Fred Wilson, the castle's clerk of works.

The dean took his text from St Paul's letter to the Colossians. He described how, walking the dogs that morning in Windsor Great Park, he encountered a jogger in a sweater bearing the message "Saints". The dean stopped the startled runner to ask him if he was called to be a saint. The man replied: "Oh no, I am only a saint in the football sense." The dean continued: "Now, who actually wants to be a saint in the Christian sense in England these days? It is not a popular notion. But we are called to be holy, and that is something exciting, as He who calls us is holy."

He preached about baptism. "June 10, 1930, was a great date for me," he stated. "It was the date of my baptism in the parish church of St Andrew, Whitestaunton, Somerset. Do you all know the date of your baptism? If not, find out. It should be a great day of thanksgiving, a day to receive Holy Communion in thanksgiving. Your baptism and my baptism are the foundation on which to build our Christian life. From our baptism, the call to us from God is the call to be saints."

The chapel supports a conference centre, St George's House, founded in 1966, which holds regular courses and meetings to examine contemporary issues. Nearly all the income to support the chapel comes from donations and the admission charges. All collections — £20,634 last year — are given away — ours went to Christian Aid. The Friends of St George's pay for big structural repairs. The chapel might have fabulous spiritual wealth, but, like so many Anglican churches, it labours under a myth of great material wealth. Its annual income last year was only just enough to make ends meet: £831,816, of which 73 per cent came from admission charges and the rest from donations, bequests and rental incomes.

● *All who wish can attend the four Sunday services and 19 regular weekday services. Sunday services: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45am Matins, 11.45am sung Eucharist, 5.15pm Evensong.*

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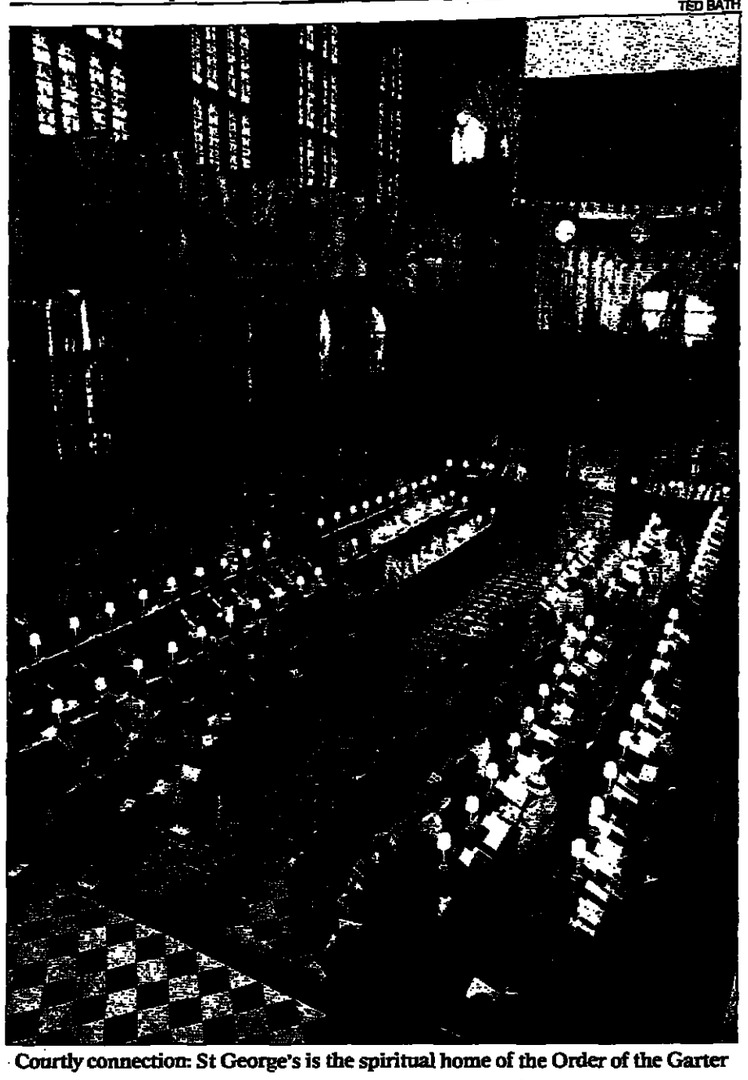

Courtly connection: St George's is the spiritual home of the Order of the Garter

The Queen's Free Chapel of St George within Her Castle of Windsor, Windsor Castle, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1NJ (0753 865538)

DEAN: The Very Rev Patrick Mitchell.

ARCHITECTURE: Built in the late 15th and early 16th century perpendicular style, the chapel reflects the splendour of a French Gothic cathedral, but with the intimacy of an English parish church.★★★★★

MUSIC: The choir, famous worldwide, dates from 1352. Of more than 100 boys in the choir school, 24 are choral scholars. The choir includes 12 men, or lay clerks, who live in the castle as members of St George's college. The non-religious as well as the religious should go, simply to hear them sing.★★★★★

LITURGY: We used the more traditional of the modern service rites. Plush cushions made kneeling a pleasurable respite.★★★★

SERMON: The dean preached on baptism and on the mark of a saint, a "strange blend of humility, sorrow and joy". Uplifting and amusing.★★★★

SPIRITUAL HIGH: The discovery that an idealised spiritual fantasy actually exists.★★★★

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: Friendly chat with dean and canons, but it is assumed that worshippers will be content to take tea at a nearby café. ★

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How the shock of that first grey hair can make you light-headed

Follicular disaster

Nothing brings home mortality like the first grey hair. Until it arrives you can carry on the charade of eternal youth. You can smoke and drink and eat and live the life of a ferret and still believe that nothing can ever touch you: that tomorrow will never come.

With the first grey hair tomorrow has arrived. You can look for solace, but none exists. Newspaper advertisements offer rejuvenation for head and body: a "leading consultant" will reshape you at a Harley Street address. But even he can do nothing against the colour change.

I telephoned two consultants on the off-chance. They could offer me new breasts, thicker lips and removal of varicose veins, but they could not, without a bottle, turn grey hair back to black. At the second clinic the voice patiently explained that my enquiry was absurd, gave a sigh and said: "It's age; we all get old."

And that is it. The colour of hair comes from melanin in the follicle, which is genetically programmed to produce melanin for a certain time and then to stop. Once the melanin has stopped it does not start again. A bit of you has grown old. It's all up with youth.

There is a common belief that women are more affected by the signs of age than are men. In fact, male vanity is just as strong, but tends to be a secret vice. Women look openly in mirrors; men affect a squint and walk slowly past glass-fronted buildings.

My sister has four grey hairs and, like the Ancient Mariner, stops strangers and invites them to inspect her head. For her, life is finished. I am almost white above the ears, but get no sympathy. I am told grey hair is a mark of distinction.

The trouble with grey hairs is that they appear just at the time when distinction is the last thing we want. The thirties are bad enough without yet another badge of maturity. It is in our late teens and early twenties that we need to look distinguished. That is the age when it is galling to have a client ask when we expect daddy to be back.

For some the grey hairs come absurdly early. In the case of my friend Dave Robertson they came at the age of 15. By the time he left school he was steel-grey. Dave claimed that this was an advantage in life. Certainly, for a man who, apart from the ears, looked like Mr Spock from the Star Ship Enterprise, he was remarkably successful with women. Perhaps because of the hair, Dave galloped through the various stages of maturity, moving from university don to running his own business until last year, at 34, exhausted by the material world, he became a Franciscan monk. The shock of seeing Dave as a monk may have contributed to the growth of my own grey hairs.

Shock has a semi-mythical role in the greying process. The idea that hair can turn white overnight is a theme of horror fiction and stories about a friend of a friend. The narrator in Poe's *Descent Into The Maelstrom* emerges from an uncomfortable night in the vortex of a whirlpool with his "hair, which had been raven-black the day before, as white as you see it now". I am told that this phenomenon is impossible. Hair is made up of cells which are dead before they emerge. They could not change colour even if legions of the damned were to hide in the mattress and say "Boo!" at three in the morning.

Although the overnight thesis is discredited, it is possible for traumatised hair to grow back white. And there is something distinguished in a silver blaze: it is said to be mesmeric to women.

There are two ways to handle grey hairs: we can accept them with good grace, or we can fight them at the chemist's. Hiding the signs can be a secretive business. Hair dye is sold to males on the imperceptible change — the "my goodness, isn't there something different about you?" technique. Advertising hinges on a sequence of before-and-after photographs presenting the gradual transformation of a greying hasbeen into a dynamic, over-achieving black-head. The implication is that this reversal of all natural laws, a sort of living home movie played backwards, will go unnoticed.

In America there is none of this "thief in the night" business. When the first signs appear, rather than go grey a man will "go blond". Nature has let you down, but what's so great about nature anyway? Let's open that bottle and unleash the dogs of artifice.

There was no suggestion of anything natural in Ronald Reagan's hair colour. It was a symbol of the triumph of optimism over experience: the artifice was there for everyone to see, but because it was so open no one cared.

With me it will be a race to see if my hair falls out before it turns white. Going bald is only an option in the Telly Savalas sense. A life of being offered seats on buses holds little romance. Perhaps I will join Dave, and emerge cowled to sit in the choir for compline.

JAMES HEPBURN

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The guru urges making hay, whether or not the sun shines

FARMER'S DIARY: PHIL HENRY

Given that the process of sanctification is a long and tortuous one, I will settle for a statue or even a nice blue plaque for the candidate I have in mind. It is not someone I know, but his writings have been an inspiration to me; and if he had a few more disciples among modern commercial farmers, agriculture might be able to hold its head a little higher. Having said that, give me seven days before I deliver a final verdict; but I am pretty confident I've got the right man.

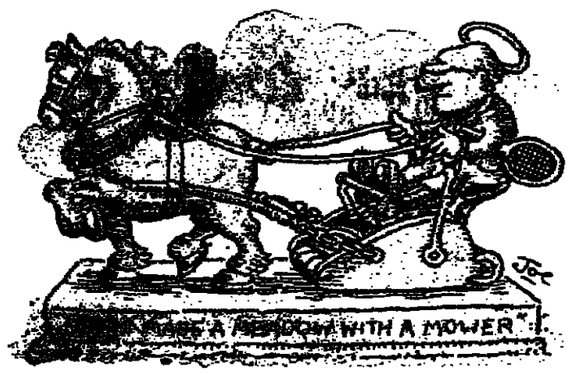
Newman Turner wrote three books at the end of the 1940s, knowing nothing of what is currently called organics and preferring to describe his practices as "fertility farming". I have made his books my bible.

If I sound besotted with the man, it is because I have witnessed one of his miracles and may be able to participate in another. Two years ago, depressed beyond belief by a field of newly sown grass seed that was being smothered by every weed in God's creation, I came upon Turner's chapter smugly titled, "How I made a Meadow with a Mower". He, too, had sown his grass and got in return an abundant crop of weeds. Being of little faith, my solution was to plough the disaster under so that I could start again.

But Turner did not give up as easily. He took a mower to his field, sliced off the blossoming weeds and waited. He was rewarded with a sward of grass which would do justice to Centre Court. With a prayer on my lips, I did the same. With our horse-drawn clipper, we trundled round the field and simply left the clippings to rot. Within a month a miracle had taken place: I had turned water into wine. Thistles, rape, nettles had all gone, and fresh shoots of young grass were now tall enough to sway gently in the breeze.

Ever since then, I have turned to Newman Turner's sermons on the value of herbs in meadows and followed his teachings; he intones, "Upon a basis of humus, nature sows her seeds..." and then lays down his commandments for fertility. Such is my faith that I have just put his scriptures to the ultimate test.

This year, I have a fine crop of lucerne, which is one of our most valuable crops. It grows with abundance and when made into hay delivers the most sweet-smelling, nutritious fodder any beast could ask for. Believe me, this is Michelin three-star stuff. The only problem is that it grows so vigorously that we must take three crops a year, which means a first cut in mid-May, a notoriously showery time of year in which to dry the lucerne and make hay of it.



But Turner never lost any sleep over it. "Now I can make hay... as green as the best dried grass. Each year, instead of greyer hair, I have greener hay."

This is very beguiling talk to a man such as me who has a field of shimmering lucerne, a week's holiday looming and a weather forecast as black as Alice's snout. Turner advocates making the hay on tripods; 8ft high wigwams of grass, which allow fresh, drying breezes to blow through them.

Regular readers will know that we have done this before in the very final stages of making our hay. Not only has it been effective, but for a few weeks every year we have our own little Stonehenge as these monolithic towers of drying grass cast their primeval shadows. But what we of little faith have not dared to do before is act with the urgency that Turner demands. He tells us that a mere 18 hours after cutting the grass is the time to be forking it on to the tripods. We have never dared to act so swiftly and have spent nervous days, if not weeks, with our fingers crossed, hoping the weather holds. Usually, it does not.

Unless you have made hay, you cannot appreciate how radical this hasty approach is. It is as if a cookery writer had declared that a mere five minutes was all a loaf of bread needed to bake; or a vintner suggested that port was best drunk straight after bottling.

But this saint did not let me down before, and so I shall follow him even unto every corner of the field of lucerne. The tripods are standing, the pitchforks dusted off. The thunder-clouds are gathering, and my holiday tickets are booked. Our crop is now in the hands of Another.

I will, of course, keep you fully informed. In the meantime, if you have any opportunity to light a candle, every little helps.

Bats in the belfry face eviction

National Bat Week starts today, but the campaign to protect them is being challenged. **Nick Nuttall** reports

AT THE small 13th-century country church of All Saints at Mattersey in Nottinghamshire, the eyes of worshippers will be lifted nervously toward heaven this weekend. High in the rafters two colonies of bats have made their homes and, according to John Mills, the churchwarden, they threaten the very life of the church.

The traditional mythological links between bats and dark forces do not worry Mr Mills and the 489 souls of the village so much as the bats' unsavoury contributions to Sunday worship. These, he fears, may drive the congregation away. "The bishop is going grey. It is not just the droppings but the urine, which etches the brass, the wood, everything it touches. Bats are doing enormous damage to the fabric of the church. They can be very active when the priest is celebrating communion."

BARRY GREENWOOD

Cleaning up: John Mills, a churchwarden

In recent years, wildlife campaigners and conservationists have laboured to improve the bat's poor image, which grew out of its nocturnal habits, mysteries over its lifestyle and feeding habits, and often quite silly books and films about vampires. Tony Hutson, of the Bat Conservation Trust, says: "Even into this century, bats were nailed against barn doors to ward away evil spirits."

Starting today, the trust, in liaison with bat groups nationwide, will seek to further enhance the status of Britain's dwindling bat population by celebrating National Bat Week. Events will include exhibitions at the Natural History Museum in London, talks, walks and bat counts by schoolchildren.

Such seemingly innocent activities stir deep feelings at All Saints, which has been trying to get permission from English Nature, the government's advisory body on wildlife, to block roosts and seal an altar window through which the colonies enter and exit. For Mr Mills, National Bat Week is "like a millstone round my neck".

Diocesan lawyers met earlier this week to examine ways in which the colonies — one of the rare Natterer's bat and the other of brown long-eared bats — can be evicted humanely. However, under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, bats and their roosts are protected. Feeding sites are also protected under EC law.

Mr Mills has become a supporter of a recently founded pressure group, the Movement Against Bats in Churches, organised by Catherine Ward, a vicar's wife from Bale, Norfolk. She claims the support of more than 50 churches seeking a change in the law. Their proposals include securing the legal right to rev motorcycles, deploy stuffed owls, eagles and high-pitched scarers, and to play loud, taped organ music in church at night to repel bats. Without action, the group claims the country church could die because of the costs of cleaning up and protecting heritage items.

The Rev Tim Shephard, vicar of a group of churches around Habrough, Humberside, and a supporter of the movement, says he has bats in his house, and likes them in the right place. However, at one of his churches, at Killingholme, the bat colony is considerable. "In summer, they make an awful mess on the chairs, and our elderly chair warden is not always available to clean up," he says.

The Bat Conservation Trust, which is supported by the World Wide Fund for Nature and the environment department, fears that such voices could spell doom for Britain's bats. Some estimates indicate that, despite slight increases in Scotland, overall populations have declined by as much as 70 per cent since 1978. The actual size of the whole population is a mystery. Some species, such as the greater horseshoe, are said to number fewer than 4,000.

The trust argues that churches are an important last refuge for many species, particularly in areas such as East Anglia, where old woodlands have been cleared and insects destroyed (none of Britain's bats are bloodsuckers).

A survey by the trust claims vicars gave bats "a resounding thumbs-up". The results were based on 2,600 replies from 8,000 questionnaires.

Mrs Ward is planning to counter these findings with a survey of the costs and damage to churches from bats. Whether the emotive issue of bats creates a schism similar to the ordination of woman priests remains to be seen.

The Rev Ron Wood, vicar of Gussage St Andrew, a 12th-century church in Dorset, counsels calm. He says churches should delight in their role as guardians of one of God's most maligned creatures. "We have 14th-century medieval wall paintings here, but recently we had a bat-flap installed in one of the windows for access and egress. They are no problem," he says. "I go in in the morning to say my prayers and clean up a bit of bat do. This slight inconvenience is more than recompensed by the privilege of having the bats around."

● *The Bat Conservation Trust is on 071-240 0933.*

JOHN LYTHGOE

Winged invaders: some vicars claim that unwelcome hangers-on such as the greater horseshoe bat (above) cause costly damage in our churches

Feather report

Call of the spotty adolescents

An excited squeaky buzz is coming from the depths of the bushes. You may have heard it sometimes in April, when it was the call of the female robin being fed by her mate during courtship. Now it is the call of the fledgling robins as they, in turn, are being fed. Soon the woods and gardens will be full of the sound.

Like many young birds, the robins look different from their parents: they will not acquire the red breast till the autumn moult, and at present are dappled brown above and spotty beneath. When their mother begins a second brood, they will remain in the charge of their father for a few days. After that they will settle down to an idle summer, with plenty of caterpillars to feed on.

Awaiting the red breast: fledgling robins are spotty below

Many such unfamiliar sounds will be heard in the countryside in June. Young blackbirds have a distinctive squeak, and there will be millions of those about: there are thought to be about seven million pairs of blackbirds breeding in the British Isles every summer. The fledglings are also easily picked out: they have a more rufous tint than the dark-brown females and, like the young robins, are spotty below.

Greenfinches have a wheezing note, like a long sucking kiss; their young, which are grey rather than green, have even more long-drawn out, slurping calls, which they repeat interminably in the heart of a flowering elder or a rhododendron on a sunny afternoon. Young brown starlings bully their parents noisily on the lawn or in the trees, flying furiously after them when they try to escape.

Young titmice will soon be out and about, calling to their parents; sometimes there are ten or 12 from a single nest.

The newly fledged bluetits lack the blue cap of their parents but are more yellow all over; young coal tits are also yellow beneath, where their parents are greyish-white.

All these small songbirds are featherless and blind when they hatch out; they stay in the nest for a fortnight or so while they grow their feathers and are then fed for a few more weeks after they have flown.

Young skylarks have a slightly different life. The nest is on the ground, among long grass or growing corn, and they are very vulnerable there. So, although their flight feathers take the usual fortnight to grow, they leave the nest after about eight days, and hide in the foliage around them until they can fly.

Some larger birds, notably the waders, have nidifugous young — that is to say, birds which leave the nest as soon as they have struggled out of the eggshell. Young lapwings trot away into the undergrowth; their parents resolutely chase off predators. In fact, meadow pipits sometimes nest in lapwings' territories, because the carrion or hooded crows are driven away.

All this care for the young comes from the fact that nature selects birds who bring up most offspring. Among the small birds, the young usually hatch out all together and grow up at the same speed. But with some larger birds, such as tawny owls, who may find it hard to get enough food, the young hatch out at intervals, and the earlier ones are the stronger.

In a good year for food, all the owl nestlings will get enough to eat; but in a bad year, the stronger will take most of it, and the weaker will die. In either event, the parent owls will have brought up the maximum possible number under the circumstances. Birds may show devotion to their young — but nature itself is not loving.

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● **What's about:** *Birders — listen for snipe "drumming" over wetlands. Twitchers — Marmora's warbler at St Abb's Head, the Borders, Scotland; black-headed bunting on Lundy island, Devon; bee-eater at Penysarn, Anglesey. Details from Birdline, 0891 700222. Calls cost 36p a minute cheap rate, 48p a minute at all other times.*

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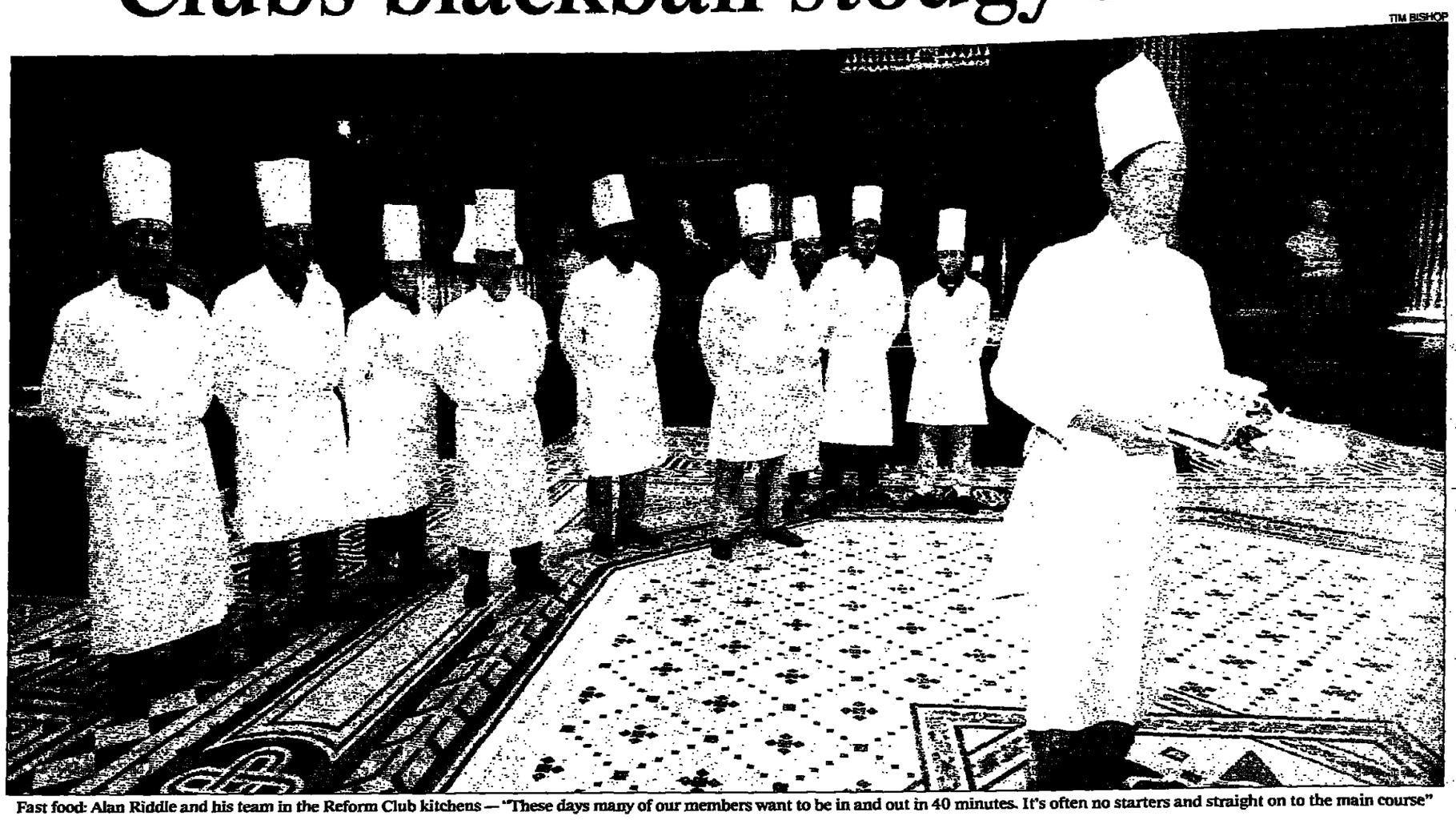

Fast food: Alan Riddle and his team in the Reform Club kitchens — "These days many of our members want to be in and out in 40 minutes. It's often no starters and straight on to the main course"

RESTAURANT WATCH

Lunch in the West End for a fiver or a three-star blow-out

CHANGE FROM FIVE
Pierre Victoire
6 Panton Street, London SW1 (071-930 6463)
What Edinburgh has had these past five years, central London gets this week (from Thursday) with the advent of the £4.90 three-course lunch, *Robin Young writes*. Pierre Levicky's Pierre Victoire restaurants all work to the same book of 500 recipes. Best sellers *à la carte* include grilled mussels with garlic and Pernod butter (£2.90), salmon with raspberries and champagne (£5.80), chicken supreme with crayfish (£6.90). All desserts, £2. Reckon £15 a head including wine. All branches open noon-3pm and 6-11pm, Monday to Saturday.

ANTI Q
Green's Restaurant and Oyster Bar
36 Duke Street, London SW1 (071-930 4566)
Beth Coventry is consultant to Quaglino's discreet antithesis in St James's, Simon Parker Bowles's Green's in Duke Street. Michael Hirst and Carolyn Marshall are in charge of the stoves. Reckon £35 a head. Open noon-3pm and 5.30-11pm, except Sunday evenings.

COUNTRY BISTRO
Corse Lawn Bistro
Corse Lawn House, Corse Lawn, near Gloucester (0452 780479)
Baba and Dennis Hine have replaced their popular bar meals with a more comfortable bistro. Everything in the bistro on "Baba's bill of English fare" (eg, home-made sausages, cod and chips) or "Dennis's *menu français*" (*par exemple, cassoulet*, shank of lamb *provençale*) is less than £10, and bills average about £15. In the restaurant, three-course menus are £15.95 at lunch, £23.50 at dinner. Vegetarian menus in both restaurant and bistro. Open noon-2pm and 7-10pm, seven days a week.

HAPPY RETURNS
L'Ortolan
Old Vicarage, Church Lane, Shinfield, Reading, Berkshire (0734 883783)
Andrew Eliel, editor of *The Egon Ronay Guide*, celebrated his fiftieth birthday at John Burton-Race's Relais Gourmand. The three stars are obviously guaranteed for next year already. Special occasion cookery, with prices to match. Open 12.15-2.15pm and 7.15-10.30pm, except Sunday evenings and Mondays.

Gourmet food is the order of the day in London's clubs, **Fiona Beckett** discovers

How do you fancy some marinated fresh tuna grilled with lime and coriander, served with a tomato and pepper salsa? Or what about the roast stuffed saddle of rabbit with morels and basil served with a sorrel sauce? No, the choice is not from Quaglino's, The Canteen or any of London's other fashionable eating spots but that bastion of conservatism, the Carlton Club.

Club grub is not what it was. Instead of the overcooked beef, soggy greens and nursery puddings of the past, chefs are serving up food that would not disgrace a five-star hotel.

Don Irwin, head chef at the Carlton and secretary of the two-year-old League of Club Chefs, claims that the popular perception of club food as not much better than school dinners is unfair. "It's the public who are out of sync. There always has been quality in club kitchens, but it has never been recognised." He and his fellow chefs are out to prove that they rank along with the best in the industry (not greatly assisted, it must be said, by the clubs themselves, which verge on the paranoid about revealing what members are eating).

Typical of the new breed of club chefs is Philip Corrick, a former chef of the year, who was headhunted from the Grosvenor House hotel by the RAC three years ago. He presides over three dining-rooms, five banqueting rooms and a kitchen brigade of 50. Mr Corrick's menus include such up-to-the-minute offerings as *carpaccio de saumon aux écorces de citron vert et blinis de sevruga, nage de langoustines et St Jacques au Sancerre*, and *suprême de pigeonneau de Bresse aux ravioles de noisettes*, all priced on a par with neighbouring luxury hotels.

Mr Corrick has seen great changes since he joined the RAC. "Once, if I'd said I was going to put marinated raw salmon on the menu, I'd have been laughed out of court. Now we sell lots of it. We've slowly taken the clubby dishes off the menu. We'll still do something like a Barnsley chop if a member asks for it, but they've got to ask."

Mr Corrick and his colleagues have been assisted in their endeavours by a greater health consciousness among members. The days of the two-hour lunch fuelled by claret and port are numbered. "Many of our members want to be in and out in 40 minutes," says Alan Riddle, head chef at the Reform. "It's often no starters and straight on to the main course."

One in ten of all dishes served at the Reform are now vegetarian, including flageolet, artichoke and goat's cheese bake, avocado pear with vegetable nut risotto, and courgette and peanut pancake.

Club food can still be unrivalled value for money. There are few other places in London where you can get a slap-up three-course lunch for £10.50, as you can at the Garrick — or pick from the à la carte menu a starter of quail eggs and asparagus salad for £4.50, medallions of salmon and monkfish with pink peppercorn sauce (£10.75), and raspberry syllabub (£2.50), as at the Reform.

Club cellars are still lavishly stocked with vintages you would be lucky to find at a specialist wine merchant's, let alone a restaurant. "There are very few clubs that have a wine list as good as ours, even though it's not as grand as it used to be," says Robert Linsley, the secretary of the Carlton. "We always used to have three or four vintages of every first-growth claret. But you can still buy a bottle of 1963 port for less than you would pay at auction at Christie's across the road."

Chaps can also continue to expect things to be done the proper way. At the Reform, members order their meals on little yellow pads that are left on their tables so that the waiters do not disrupt the discussion of affairs of state. In the strangers' room they are trusted to give the cashier an accurate account of what they have eaten. "We used to have a biscuit tin for payments in the main bar, but we have got rid of that," says Mr Riddle.

Lapses in the quality of food or service are taken seriously. At the Reform, while minor transgressions may merely meet with a verbal rebuke, deeply felt complaints are written on the back of the bill and have to be submitted to the general committee and answered in writing.

"These days people expect first-class standards," says Simon Allen of the RAC. "They're not prepared to accept second best, even from their club."

The Reform Club's quail eggs Florentine

(serves 2)

8 quail eggs
8oz fresh spinach
butter
grated nutmeg, salt and pepper
4 fl oz white sauce
2oz Gruyère cheese, grated,
1 fl oz double cream
½oz chopped parsley

Place the quail eggs in boiling water for four to five minutes. Refresh and peel. Wash and trim spinach. Stew in butter for 2-3 minutes, drain then season with salt, pepper and grated nutmeg. Heat through the white sauce, add half the grated cheese and double cream, bring to the boil, simmer for two to three minutes and season. Place the spinach in two ovenproof dishes, top with the quail eggs, cover with sauce, and sprinkle with grated cheese. Place under the grill until nicely browned, sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve.

DISH OF THE DAY

CHEF: Sally Clarke, "late thirties".

RESTAURANT: Clarke's, 124 Kensington Church Street, London W8 (071-221 9225)

PRESENT: Makes simplicity a virtue in her dining-room; sells her baked goods, olive oils, chocolate truffles and California wines through & Clarke's shop next door; and supplies leading restaurants and delicatessens with bread from her & Clarke's Bread wholesale bakery.

PAST: Croydon Technical College, Cordon Bleu in Paris, Leith's School of Food and Wine, and five years in California.

FUTURE: The same, "plus some more sleep would be nice".

PERSONAL: Loves eating, drinking, sleeping, and listening to choral music.

DISH: Rhubarb, pistachio and elderflower floating island. Chosen as elderflower comes into bloom. Sprinkle poached meringue with chopped raw pistachios, mount on purée of baked rhubarb, and surround with *crème anglaise* infused with elderflowers.

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BUILDING A WINE CELLAR: 5

NO TIME, money, or inclination to start a proper cellar now? Worried, too, that you and yours will inevitably filch bottles from it long before they have reached their peak? Or worse still, do you drink almost all of the wines you bring home within a week of buying them? Then probably your household's only solution is to consider the preselected cellar plans on offer at the smarter sort of wine merchant.

Justerini & Brooks offers the most useful, and usefully priced, of these. There is still time to join its 1993 Selected Cellar Plan, launched last month and due to close at the end of this, although the company has promised to keep the scheme open for a few weeks longer especially for *Times* readers.

The great advantage of its selections is that there are ten different cellars to choose from, at a good range of prices. As usual with off-the-peg wine cellars, most of J & B's cases come from the classic regions of France: Bordeaux, Burgundy, the Rhône, Alsace and the Loire. Apart from the mostly unproven maturation ability of new-world wines, the company feels that the old world's classics "are unequalled for their aging ability... and the nuances of flavour which they attain with maturity".

My top cellar choices among J & B's ten include its five-case £306 cellar A and £314 cellar B starter kits, offering a choice of good clarets, such as the petit château 1989 Méaume, besides a fine red burgundy, the 1990 Caves Buxy Bourgogne. Cellar B offers white wines to lay down as well as reds, and there are three further cellars enhanced with white wine to consider, something of a rarity in preselected cellarage. Other J & B cellars cost between £300 and £1,500, although the latter does offer such greats as 1990 Margaux and 1990 Lafite. J & B's costs include several years of temperature-controlled storage, insurance at replacement value and delivery. There is also the choice of paying by 12 monthly instalments.

BERRY Bros & Rudd is the other big player in off-the-peg cellarage, and its 1992 Cellar Offer is still open. (Berry's 1993 plan is not due until August). Berry's selections are mostly what you would expect and, at the lower price levels, somewhat dull, too. Still, its white-wine-only cellar, featuring burgundy and sauternes, is a good idea, and its most pukka and pricy selections, such as the case-each trio of 1986 Haut Brion, 1988 Mouton-Rothschild and 1988 Margaux (£2,218), are impeccable, albeit pricey. Berry also includes several Australian wines in its lesser selections. Berry's cellars, like J & B's, have been chosen with the idea of adding on extra cases, year after year. Note that storage and insurance charges are extra with most of its preselected cellars.

STEPHEN MARKESON

At your service: William Glasson of Justerini & Brooks

If you know exactly which wines you want to lay down, then you should be thinking of a bespoke cellar.

Lay & Wheeler is where I would take my bespoke business. It makes no extra charge for its cellar plan service, but you will have to pay the annual storage fee of £4.94 a case, and agree to spend a minimum of £25 a month.

Wisely, L & W includes wines from Australia, California, Rhine and Moselle in its list of regional wine choices, and cellarers can specify on the form the percentage of these wines in their cellar. Other parts of the form specify the maturation time you want your cellar to have and what price per bottle you are thinking of spending: £5-£10 is the lowest. L & W will also send an annual stock certificate telling customers how ready their maturing wines are.

ANOTHER bespoke classic cellar service worth looking out for when it gets started, either late this year or early next, is the Wine Society's. Like L & W, the Wine Society envisages its members spending a certain sum each month. As the society's prices are usually among the keenest, and as the service will not be available to many, you should join the queue now.

If you love burgundy, get in touch with Domaine Direct. Specialising in top domaine-bottled burgundy, Domaine Direct will put together, say, a seven-case, £1,000 selection with free storage and insurance for the first two years and reduced rates for a further three years with a service charge of just 12.5 per cent. Customers receive an annual progress report on their wines. The minimum outlay is £600.

JANE MACQUITTY

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BEST BUYS

● **1989 Copertino Riserva, *Sainsbury's £3.95.***
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Deep oaky-smokey scent and classic, full, cheesy chablis flavour make this supermarket premier cru a winner.

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Banquet fit for a queen

Frances Bissell celebrates the coronation anniversary with an Elizabethan feast

DIANA LEADBETTER

FORTY years ago next week, guests at coronation banquets at Buckingham Palace were served *tortue claire Sandringham, délices de sole Prince Charles, carré d'agneau à la Windsor*, and *boîte de fraise Reine Elizabeth*, or *consommé St Georges, rosettes de saumon Edinburgh, filet de boeuf poêle Palais* and *soufflés glacés Princesse Anne*. Next Tuesday, chefs of the Académie Culinaire will interpret the banquet at the Café Royal in London in aid of SOS, a support charity for victims of cerebral palsy.

I have only the dimmest memories of my coronation day treat of soft rolls filled with fish paste, egg sandwiches and strong tea; the strongest recollection is of the scratchy straw bales on which we sat at long trestle tables in a neighbour's barn. Steam rose, and the rain drummed on the roof.

For celebratory food next week, I have explored the dishes of the first Elizabethans. And very good they were, too. The food was colourful, imaginative, subtle and full of flavour; the kind of food *we* like to eat. Without turning it into a slavishly "olde Englishe" travesty, you can easily create an Elizabethan feast for friends.

There are one or two culinary howlers to avoid: potatoes were not yet part of the diet, although sweet potatoes were; tomatoes were not cultivated in southern Europe until the end of the 16th century, and were not much liked — "The whole plant is of a rank and stinking savour", wrote one critic, the fruit yielding "very little nourishment to the body".

Chocolate was unknown to the Elizabethans, and rhubarb was used only medicinally. There were no bananas until 1633 or pineapples until Cromwell's day. Wild strawberries would have been collected from the woods.

You can incorporate many different types of fish dishes in your menu: fillets of mackerel, salmon or herring, cooked (and cooled) in a well-seasoned broth, the predominant notes of which should be sweet, sour and spicy. The sweetness would have come from dried fruit, the sourness from alegar (made from beer) or verjuice (made from pressed unripe grapes), for which you can substitute malt and cider vinegar respectively. Cinnamon, ginger and pepper, albeit expensive, were widely used.

An alternative fish dish would be a delicate salad of shellfish, such as winkles, cockles, crabmeat and shrimps with fresh herbs, small salad leaves and edible flowers. Elaborate salads were popular, decorated with borage, violets, pinks, marigold petals and roses.

To start your feast, try this dish of prawns cooked in ale; it's quick and easy to cook. Serve it with pieces of toast in shallow soup plates.

Prawns in ale
(serves 6-8)
1oz/30g butter or lard
2 or 3 shallots, peeled and finely chopped
4 spring onions, trimmed and thinly sliced
2 or 3 cloves of garlic, peeled and crushed (optional)
2lb/900g cold-water prawns with shells
1pt/570ml brown ale
mild freshly ground pepper
fresh dill, chopped

Melt the fat in a heavy frying pan and in it gently cook the shallots, onions and garlic until soft. Raise the heat and add the prawns. Fry for a few minutes, then pour in the beer. Add the pepper and dill and cook together for a few minutes only, bearing in mind that the prawns are already cooked. With a slotted spoon, transfer the prawns to soup plates or a serving dish. Boil up the liquid and spoon it over the prawns. Serve immediately.

I THOUGHT deeply about what meat to cook for my Elizabethan banquet. Turkey was a possibility, with a celery, herb and oyster stuffing. But I chose venison. For a large gathering, I would roast a haunch or a saddle, but two dishes I have cooked recently and liked very much are venison "allowes" or olives — thin slices of lean meat, spread with a forcemeat, rolled and baked — and a venison and mushroom pie, in which I stretched out the venison with mushrooms and sausage meat. I used wild venison from Safeway. Waitrose and Sainsbury's have farmed venison. The forcemeat was Safeway's wild venison and pork sausages.

Venison "allowes" (olives)
(serves 6-8)
4 wild venison steaks, about 6oz/170g each
1lb/455g wild venison and pork sausages
4 anchovy fillets, chopped
1oz/30g soft breadcrumbs
1oz/30g crumbled gingerbread or ginger biscuits
¼ tsp each of powdered mace, nutmeg, cloves and cinnamon
zest and juice of a lemon
1 large onion, peeled and thinly sliced
1tbsp lard or dripping
½pt/280ml beef, venison, or game stock
½pt/280ml good dry red wine
4 bay leaves
1tbsp flour
1tbsp butter
3tbsp port

Depending on their thickness, slice the steaks horizontally into two or three pieces. Flatten them with a rolling pin between two sheets of waxed paper or clingfilm.

Squeeze the meat from the sausages into a bowl and mix with the anchovies, crumbs and spices, lemon zest and juice. Spread this stuffing thinly on each slice of venison. Roll the rest of the stuffing into balls. Roll up the meat and secure with a cocktail stick or string. Brown the onion lightly in the fat, then the venison and the forcemeat balls,and then transfer it to an ovenproof dish. De-glaze the pan with stock and wine, scraping up any bits, and pour over the meat. Tuck in the bay leaves, cover, and cook in a pre-heated oven at 180C/350F, gas mark 4, or on top of the stove over gentle heat for about an hour. After 45 minutes, mix the flour and butter together, form into balls and stir into the sauce to thicken. Add the port and continue cooking for a further 15 minutes. Serve from the dish in which it was cooked, or arrange the venison rolls on a bed of steamed greens — cabbage, spinach and chard, for example. A dish of glazed sweet potatoes goes very well with the venison, as does a batter pudding, which you can bake like a Yorkshire pudding or steam in a pudding basin. A handful of fresh herbs improves the latter greatly.

ELIZABETHAN desserts would be cool and creamy, such as syllabubs, junkets and fools. I would also include a fresh cream cheese, mixed with chopped sage, marigold petals and seasoning.

Saffron and rosewater, which you can buy from Boots, were popular as flavourings in sweet and savoury dishes and I have used them in my biscuit recipe, combining them with other flavours used in Elizabethan times. For more desserts, try a rosewater junket and a lemon syllabub.

New Elizabethan biscuits
(makes about three dozen)
½lb/230g unsalted butter at room temperature
½lb/230g caster sugar
1 free-range egg
⅛pt/70ml full cream milk, infused with a good pinch of saffron
2-3tsp rosewater
2oz/60g finely chopped, dried apricots
pinch of ground cardamom
pinch of ground cinnamon
5oz/140g plain flour
1oz/30g ground rice
2oz/60g ground almonds

Cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat in egg and add milk, rosewater, apricots and spices. Mix in dry ingredients to a stiff dough. Roll out on a floured surface and cut into 1½in/4cm rounds. Place on a baking sheet and chill in fridge before baking in a pre-heated oven at 170C/325F, gas mark 3 for about 30 minutes. Cool.

THERE are several legends about the origins of the curd cheese tarts called Maids of Honour, but at least one links them with Elizabeth I and her ladies in waiting.

Maids of Honour
(makes 12)
6oz/170g sweet shortcrust pastry
¼lb/110g curd cheese
2oz/60g unsalted butter, at room temperature
2 free-range eggs
2tbsp double cream
3tbsp caster sugar
4-5tbsp brandy
grating of nutmeg
pinch of ground cinnamon
2oz/60g ground almonds
juice and zest of a lemon

Roll out pastry and with it line 12 greased tart tins. Mix curd cheese and butter until smooth. Beat eggs, cream, sugar and brandy and blend with the curd mix. Stir in spices, almonds, juice and zest. Fill tarts with mixture and bake in a pre-heated oven at 180C/350F, gas mark 4 for 20-25 minutes, or until set. Serve warm or cold.

READER OFFER: GALA CHARITY PREVIEW

Stylish eating, tempting tasting

A selection of items on display at the Eating-In show

READERS of *The Times* are invited to attend the Gala Charity Preview of the Eating-In exhibition in aid of *Birthright* on Wednesday, June 23, from 6.30-9.30pm. Champagne and a selection of canapés created by Anton Mosimann will be served.

The Eating-In Show brings together good food and fine wine, culinary talents, designer cooking equipment, tableware, and decorative ideas for entertaining at home. Readers will be able to wander round the show browsing, sampling, tasting and viewing all the ideas for entertaining at home on display. *Times* readers will be able to collect a selection of gifts from companies taking part during the evening.

Tickets for the event are £35, of which £15 will be donated to Birthright, the mother and baby research charity which funds medical research projects for the better health of women and babies.

During the evening there will be a series of special events, a tutored wine tasting, a rice cookery demonstration, a question and answer session with a panel of celebrity experts and a prize draw. Every stand will be open throughout the evening.

The special events include: at 7pm top chef Antony Worrall-Thompson presents "Bistro cooking at home"; at 7.30pm Alan Coren will host "An Entertaining Question" with a panel of celebrity and expert guests; at 8pm Shaun Hill of Gidleigh Park, Egon Ronay chef of the year, demonstrates how to cook a simple summer dinner party in 30 minutes, assisted by Loyd Grossman. Tickets for these events are limited and cost £5, bookable in advance only.

The *Times* readers' exclusive package will include a Harrods tea-caddy filled with tea; a box of chocolates from Linden Lady; a maple walnut cake from the California Cake and Cookie company; a jar of Provençal olives in rosemary oil from The Fresh Olive Oil Company; a pain au chocolat from Maison Blanc; a copy of the June issue of *Wine* magazine; half a pound of vintage Cheddar from Anchor; a copita of sherry from Gonzalez Byass; a booklet of celebrity bread recipes from Copperstone Kitchens; and entry into the raffle for a Smallbone workstation worth £650.

The show takes place at the Business Design Centre, Islington, June 24-27, and tickets during the public days are £9. There are four themed pavilions: *Table Manners* looks at presentation, *Grape's Progress* offers a selection of wines, *Culinary Fair* features state of the art kitchens and equipment, and *Food Forum* has foods and flavours from around the world to be sampled.

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A meal to liven the tongue

ENTERTAINING AT HOME

Food is important, but it is the chat that counts, says Susan Kessler

I admit to being apprehensive about our first dinner party in our new home and recently adopted country. I was also concerned about being a hostess without her host, since my husband's schedule can be unpredictable. He is a hostess's dream guest, good at making sure conversation flows and everyone is happy.

Our guests were an interesting mixture, originally from Indiana, New York, South Africa and England. All have been living in London for quite some time.

After living with a tiny kitchen in a hotel for ten months, I was looking forward to having friends to our own home. We New Yorkers are more inclined to have guests in for drinks and then go out to a restaurant. I was told that the difference is that Londoners actually *live* in their homes and enjoy having friends over.

For me, a successful evening is putting together friends and food and ending up with lively conversation. However, I enjoy making the party as much as the party itself. I like planning, shopping, cooking and setting the scene.

I began to have reservations as my planning got under way. While our new kitchen is wonderfully equipped, the oven is the smallest I have ever seen, and the two half-refrigerators cannot accommodate most of my large serving platters. Yes, I know, I should be thankful just for having two of them.

My secret for successful entertaining is simple — be organised. I planned a menu with only one dish that required oven cooking. I would have chosen a chicken dish for the main course because we do *not really eat meat, but* chicken does not seem to be very popular here, whereas fish is.

Also, I wanted a menu which would leave time to deal with inevitable unforeseen difficulties. Everything was scheduled to be prepared two days ahead except for baking the millefeuilles and roasting the salmon.

I find some shortcuts a necessity. I had no intention of making my own puff pastry, and since the supermarket freezer variety did not have butter in it, I rang a few bakeries. One finally agreed to sell me raw dough. On the way to pick it up, I found this new bread to serve with the soup made by a company called Manoucher. It tastes homemade since you finish off the baking yourself.

The day before the party I went to Harrods for an assortment of berries to garnish the dessert, and also found delicate water asparagus (about ⅛in in diameter) to accompany the salmon. I had never seen anything like them. One of the knowledgeable men in white coats told me how to cook them. They were truly exquisite. Everyone asked where I got them.

Once the shopping is done, my favourite thing is to display all the produce on the kitchen table and then see the mound disappear as containers fill up. Every time a dish is completed I check it off my schedule.

Guests were invited for 8pm, when the light is still glorious in our drawing-room. I was looking forward to drinks with the French windows thrown open. Unfortunately, the London weather did not co-operate. It was the first rainy, cold day in a week, and I was ready to use the fireplace.

After drinks and hors d'oeuvres, we moved into the dining-room. My husband asked whether I thought people would talk to their partners, or if our new round table was small enough for one big conversation. Not an easily answered question. That's the fun of entertaining, the unexpected — as long as it does not extend to the food.

The main course was arranged on plates in the kitchen, rather than served at the table. I like the prettier effect. The evening ended with champagne and dessert to celebrate a special evening for us — our first anniversary in London and our first dinner party. The food was quite a success, evoking enough compliments and questions to satisfy me. But conversation is what is really important.

I noticed one or two guests were making the occasional trip into our bedroom and was informed that there was a "very important" football game on television. Once I realised my scheduling error, the bedroom became the entertainment centre — I had discovered just how important sport is here.

I enjoy entertaining formally but look forward to the British tradition of Sunday lunch. If someone wants to watch football, it is just another part of the afternoon.

● *Susan Kessler is the author of* The New Woman Fast and Fabulous Menu Cookbook *and former food and decorating editor of* New Woman *magazine. She is also an interior designer in London and New York.*

MICHAEL POWELL

Talking point: Susan Kessler (right) and dinner guests

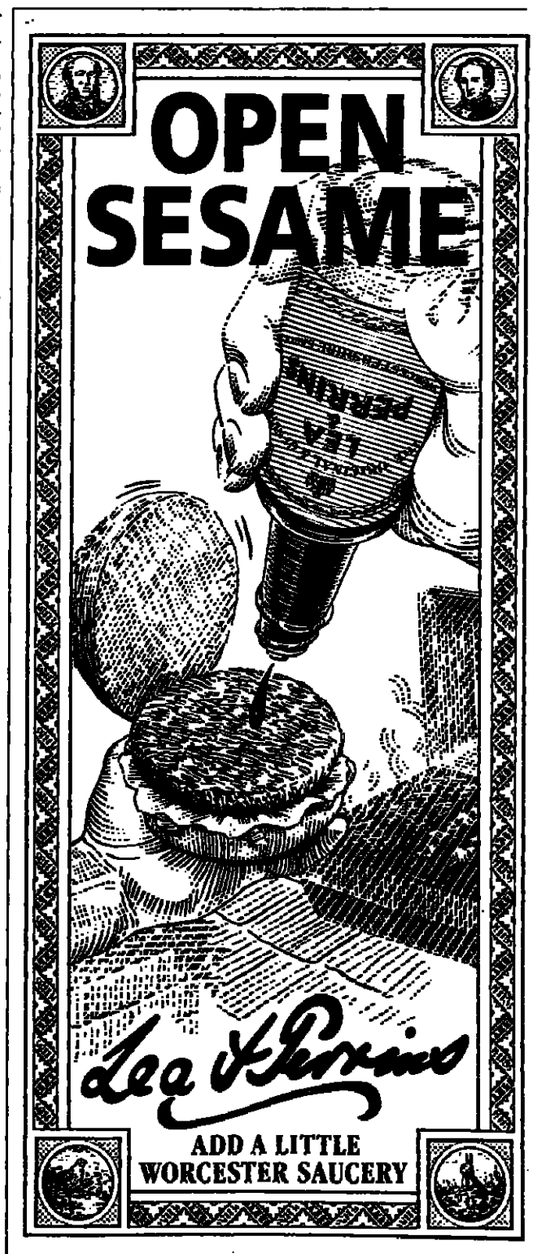
MENU

Cornucakes with caviar and crème fraîche
Aperitifs

Cucumber and beet soup
Manoucher bread
1988 Grgich Hills Napa Valley Chardonnay

Roasted salmon with black peppercorn and ginger crust on a bed of celeriac purée
Water asparagus
1989 Macon-Pierreclos

Lemon millefeuilles with strawberry sauce
Bollinger Special Cuvée Brut Champagne



Pray, drink and be merry on the Mosel

Stewart Tendler visits Germany's oldest city, once the home of Roman emperors

A chorus of song burst in the shadowy nave and floated for a moment over the sepulchre of St Matthias, one of the Apostles. As the doors of the 12th-century church opened, the singers, led by a Benedictine monk, were framed in the sunshine of a glorious spring afternoon in Trier, in Rheinland-Pfalz.

After a three-day march, the first of this year's pilgrims to the holy sites of Germany's oldest city were preparing to go home. They gathered in the cobbled courtyard in the shadow of the white Romanesque façade, leaving a small woven bag filled with their prayers lying by the altar. "During the day we walk and pray," said their leader. "At night we talk and . . . *ja*, we drink."

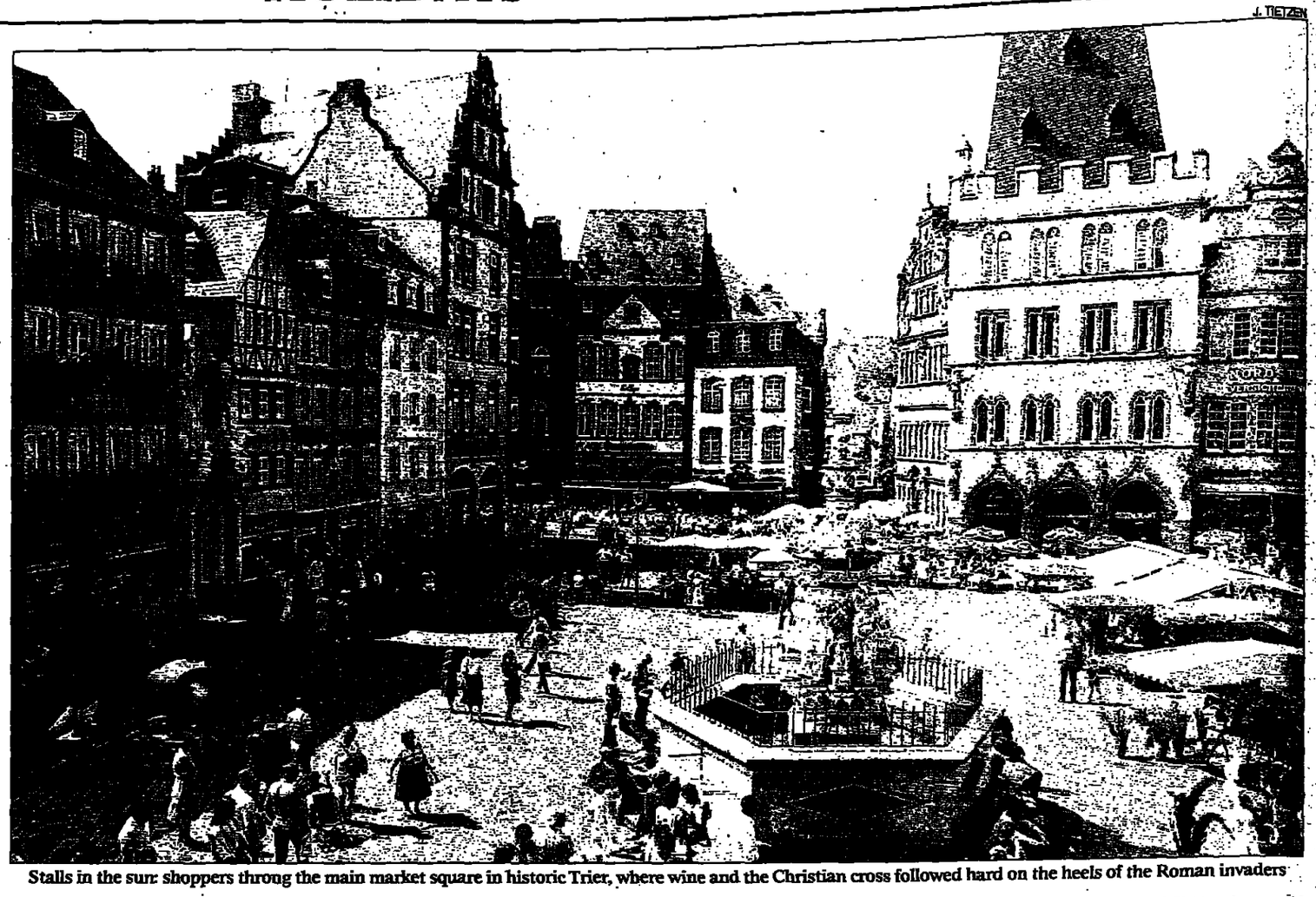
Church of St Matthias

Religion and wine are two of the abiding features of one of the prettiest cities in Germany. In Trier, serried ranks of vines sweep down towards the Mosel, overlooking a cathedral dating from the early days of European Christendom. The statue of the Virgin in the church of St Matthias holds the baby Jesus in one hand, and balances a fat bunch of grapes in the other.

It was the march of the Roman legions northwards which led not only to the creation of the imperial city of Augusta Treverorum, but also to the arrival of the vine and the cross. It is said the wine-loving Romans realised the value of the high summer temperatures on slopes above the Mosel, and launched a viniculture which led to the famous Riesling wines.

Conquered by Julius Caesar in 57 BC and settled in 16 BC by the Emperor Augustus, the city, also known as Treves, was the base for the Roman army on the Rhine. Set among the lands of the Treveri tribe, the city guarded a key bridge over the Mosel and became the capital of Gaul. From AD 293, Trier was home to a caesar ruling an empire from Spain to Britain, and in AD 306 the city became the capital of the Western Empire and residence of the Emperor Constantine.

Nearly 2,000 years later, Trier offers the greatest collection of Roman remains north of the Alps. The city is a treasure trove still unknown to many Britons: only 5,900 visited in 1992. Yet a walk through the streets of the city will take a visitor through the glories of pre-Christian Rome to the days of conversion, the world of medieval Germany, where town and princely cleric jostled, and on to the birthplace of Karl Marx. The entire city is recognised by Unesco as one of the world's cultural gems.



Stalls in the sun: shoppers throng the main market square in historic Trier, where wine and the Christian cross followed hard on the heels of the Roman invaders

Its greatest landmark harks back to its Roman origins. The great stone mass of the Porta Nigra has survived since the 2nd century. One of four great gateways into the city, the Porta is the largest and best preserved Roman city gate still standing. Built with an inner courtyard and towers, the gateway became home to St Simeon, a hermit, and was converted at one stage into a church.

The blackened sandstone gateway now leads into a pedestrian city centre, including a medieval marketplace with a cross dating from AD 958. The Dreikönigenhaus, the House of the Three Magi, is one of the earliest Gothic houses in Germany and was once only accessible by a wooden staircase to the upper floors. The Steipe nearby was begun in the 15th century as a town festival hall. On its front stand two armoured knights, one of whom has his visor down and cautiously, symbolically looks towards the cathedral and the fount of clerical power.

The original cathedral in Roman times was a double church, extending out as far as the marketplace and built over a Roman palace: part of an excavated Roman kitchen is now used by a nearby restaurant, which includes exhibits from the largest Roman glassware collection in private hands. Excavations also revealed the remains of a Roman ceiling painting, which has been painstakingly pieced together and is now housed in a former Prussian jail near by.

The oldest church in Germany, the cathedral is also the repository of the Holy Robe, said to have been used by Christ. Protected by armoured glass and coverings, the robe, acquired by Constantine's mother, the Empress Helena, has been publicly displayed only six times since 1512: the next occasion will be 1996.

Next to the cathedral stands the simple splendour of the Liebfrauenkirche, started in 1235 and one of the two earliest Gothic churches in Germany. On a summer evening, visitors can sit in the shadow of the cathedral and the church and drink Riesling from one of the great local vineyards as the bells above chime the hours.

Across the city lie the remains of the great baths, and an ampitheatre capable of holding 20,000 spectators. The great walls of Constantine's basilica, the scene of his audiences, provide yet more evidence of imperial might. Towering more than 100ft into the air, the basilica is the largest enclosed Roman building extant outside Rome. The known world was once ruled from within its walls, as emperors held audience.

Part of that world lay along the winding valley of the Mosel, and Trier provides an ideal starting point for exploring villages and vineyards. A wine trail runs above the city, and summer boats will take visitors down the wide river past a patchwork of vineyards and ancient villages towards the Rhine.

South of the city rises the Hunsrück, a region of valleys and hills which was once home to the Treveri. Falcons glide over roads through dark forests, past lonely castles set on hillsides, in a world closer to the Black Forest and traditional Germany: the area was the setting for the *Heimat* television sagas.

A fast road takes drivers back into Trier, high over the Mosel and its lazy loops. The evening sun drops over the water close to a Roman bridge, and riverside bistros ring with the clink of glasses.

● *The author visited Trier as the guest of Moswin Tours, Leicester (0533 719922), which specialises in German holidays. A three-night weekend stay in Trier, including flight to Luxembourg, transfer to Trier and bed and breakfast at a top-quality hotel, costs £338 per person in peak season. A seven-night stay for holidaymakers taking their own cars, including a cross-Channel ferry from Ramsgate to Dunkirk and bed and breakfast, costs from £263 to £445 in peak season.*

Raining in Spain

A wet weekend in Asturias need not be a washout when you can drive through the spectacular mountains

Even to me, the eternal optimist, it seemed ambitious: northern Spain for the weekend. But ignoring the advice of my friends to go to the Cotswolds instead, I set off from home one Friday morning for Asturias, known as "green Spain", for reasons which were to become obvious. *And no, I hadn't heard of it* either.

I flew by Iberia Airlines from Stansted to Asturias airport, and was through Spanish customs two hours later. My hotel, Posada de Babel in La Pereda, was two hours by car on the pictureseque coastal route, via Gijón, or 90 minutes on the direct route on the fast N634. However, it took me two and a half hours on the fast route, after I got lost on the scenic one. Having already been delayed two hours at Stansted, I began to yearn for the Cotswolds. But as the dramatic contrast between the imposing mountains and the peaceful green plains struck me, my doubts evaporated.

I arrived at the hamlet of La Pereda at 8.15pm and found the hotel at the bottom of the magnificient Picos de Europa mountain range. It was a revelation. As well as the view, it had huge fireplaces and a mix of modern and antique furniture. The peace was disturbed only by the chime of the dairy-herd bells (the cows were the only neighbours). Lucas Gomez, the owner, one of the few people I met who was fluent in English, was charming.

Having lived in hotels for 12 years, Señor Gomez was determined to create an alternative to the traditional Spanish hotel. He succeeded. Dinner for two would cost £60, not what I expected in Spain. But the gourmet food — I had bull's tail — and the surroundings were not what I expected either.

I was woken up in the morning not, as I had hoped, by sun streaming into my bedroom but by the sound of heavy rain. Leaving my bucket and spade in the hotel, I set off for the hills on the coastal road, but was distracted two miles later by the rugged charms of the Playa del Toro beach at Cue. If the sun had appeared, I would not have moved all day; in high season they call the beach overcrowded if you have to share it with 25 people.

My progress across the barn floor, impersonating a chicken, is already part of local folklore

With the rain still falling, I drove instead for four hours through the mountains, passing dramatic waterfalls, salmon rivers, Romanesque churches, forests, medieval bridges, gorges and caves. In the village of Porrua I even had a brush with bullfighting when I foolishly took a short cut across a farmer's field.

The views were breathtaking, but I never made it to the 2,600m peak. I was frightened off by the story of an Andalusian coach driver who was so daunted by the drive that he abandoned his passengers halfway up. They were ferried down in taxis.

After a nap — the humidity makes you sleepy — I tried a *merendero*, a family-run bar where you can wine and dine for about £5 a head. Bar Roxa in La Pereda is a good example. Situated in a barn, which has not been altered for 50 years, it has a limited menu. Fabada, a curious but tasty stew of black sausage and butter beans in a spicy sauce, is the staple diet, but they all serve chicken, steak and fish as well.

All visitors have to try the local cider, which the natives drink as we drink tea. This has to be poured over your shoulder into the glass. Having poured mine on to my shoes, I tried on a pair of *madrienas*, large wooden clogs on stilts, which no self-respecting Asturian villager would be seen without. My progress across the barn floor, impersonating a chicken to try to make my host understand my craving for an egg, is already part of local folklore.

After breakfast the next day, I went to the Sunday market at Canga de Onis, an hour up the coast. The market, particularly noted for its cheeses, was worth visiting but the shops, all flamenco dolls and miniature bulls, were not.

After succeeding at last in ordering drinkable coffee (ask for it with milk if you want to avoid the disgusting local brew), I drove into the mountains in search of historic Covadonga, a place of pilgrimage. The battle fought there is the Spanish symbol of the Christian triumph over the Islamic world in the struggle to expel the Arabs from the country, and Covadonga is dominated by a magnificent Romanesque basilica and a mountain shrine to Our Lady of Covadonga, patron saint of Asturias.

It is a place which all Asturians must visit. Unfortunately, the Sunday I was there, 20,000 teenagers had the same idea. I fled, unable to stand what sounded like 20 years of Eurovision Song Contest music blaring from loudspeakers in the hills.

I dined in another *merendero*, retired early, and left the hotel at 6.30am on Monday for breakfast at the airport. I was home in time for lunch, refreshed but as pale as the day I left, wishing I had packed my umbrella.

ANDREW PIERCE

● *The author was a guest of Secret Spain, Model Farm, Rattlesden, nr Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP30 0SY (0449 737664). A long-weekend fly/drive package — three nights from Stansted for two, including car hire and bed and breakfast at Posada de Babel — is £295 per person. A week at a beach cottage for four people, including ferry crossing Plymouth-Santander, costs from £236 per person. A village house for four to six is from £229 per person.*

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There is a green hill: Asturias is the site of the battle of Covadonga, symbol of the victory of Christianity over Islam in Spain

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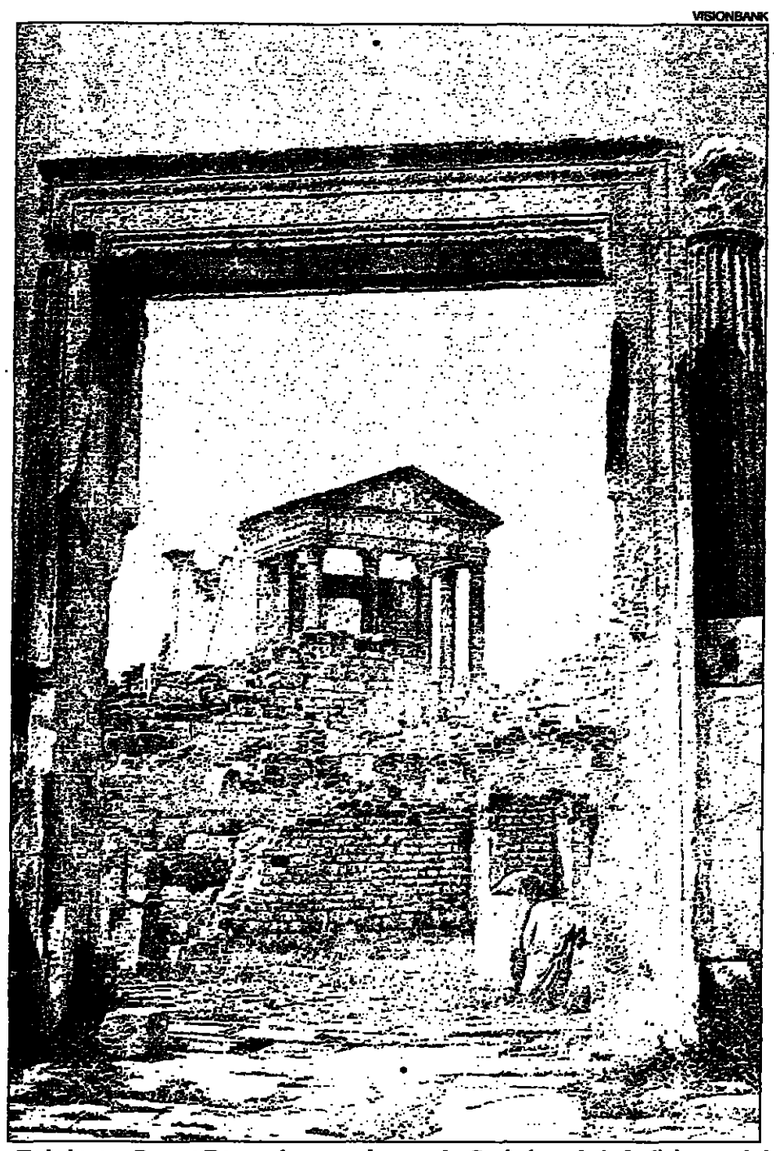
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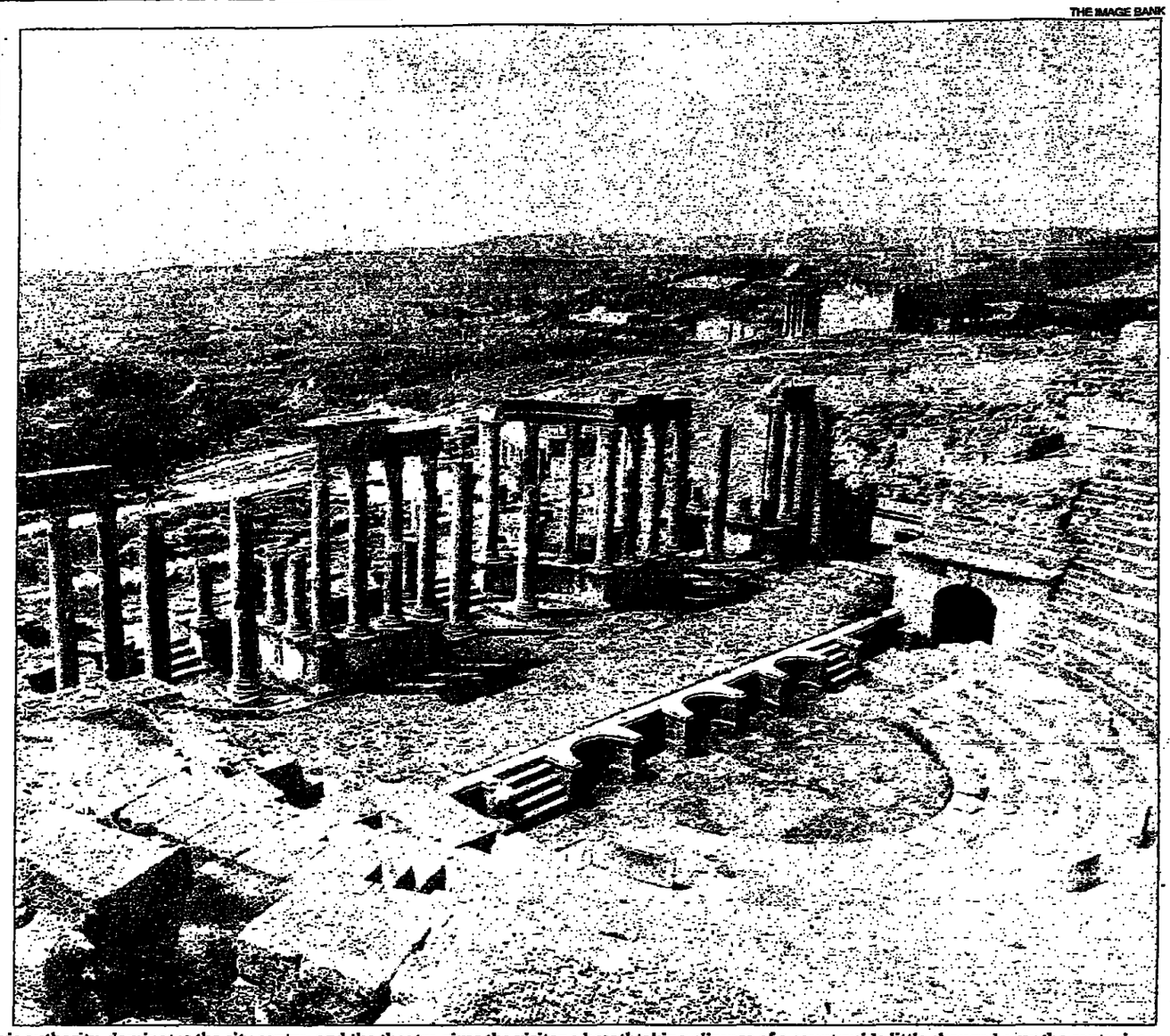
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Twin keys to Roman Dougga in caramel stone: the Capitol, symbol of religious and civic authority, dominates the city centre; and the theatre gives the visitor a breathtaking glimpse of a countryside little changed over the centuries

Spice market in Sousse

Factbox

☐ **Getting there:** Tunis Air — Heathrow-Tunis, Sun, Tues, Fri. GB Airways — Gatwick-Tunis, Mon, Wed, Thur. Full one-year fare £616; Apex £175 in both cases.

☐ **Tunisian National Tourist Office**, 77a Wigmore Street, London W1H 9LJ (travel enquiries 071-224 5561; fax 071-224 4053).

☐ **Hotel Sidi Bou Said**, Sidi Bou Said, Tunis (010 216 740 411; fax 010 216 272 940).

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☐ **Hotel Africa Meridien**, 50 Avenue Habib Bourguiba, Tunis (010 216 1347 477; fax 010 216 1347 432).

Fragments of a glittering mosaic

The thump and flutter of the goatskin *tarbouka* drum echoed among the towering Corinthian columns of the Capitol. The ululations of the girls rang out as they danced over the "Rose des Vents", the pavement where the names of the 12 winds, inscribed 1,800 years ago by Roman masons, remain clear today.

It was Sunday in Dougga, a Roman city covering 62 acres and one of Tunisia's archaeological gems. Hakima, a 22-year-old journalism student who wants to be a television newsreader, and her friends had chosen it for a picnic day out. "We often come here," she said. "Here we can leave the rush and bustle of Tunis, and find peace and talk to the past."

Their choice was perfect. Dougga, about 50 miles southwest of the capital, has an air of expectancy, as though the ghosts who left it 60 generations ago are ready to return, to throng its majestic squares and people once more its wide streets and imposing houses and public buildings.

They would find much to recognise, despite the depradations of time and weather. Sprawling over the side of a 1,800ft hill, this former residence of the Numidian king Massinissa presents a virtual snapshot of a moment in time.

Dougga, or Thugga as the Romans called it, peaked during the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD, when the vine and the olive enabled the region to flourish; then it died. The Romans pulled back, the verdant valleys and hillsides fell into disuse, the echoing city became silent. Today its imposing theatre, built of local stone the colour of caramel to seat 3,500 citizens — the rough rule of thumb, to gauge local population by multiplying theatre capacity by four, surely cannot apply here — retains its magnificent view down the quiet valley, and it is again in use for performances. On the pediment of the remarkable Capitol the apotheosis of Antoninus Pius can be made out, carried off by an eagle.

A few steps away lies another Dougga marvel, the semi-circular temple devoted to Juno Caelestis, the Roman version of the local goddess Tanit, who demanded sacrifice of the first-born.

But Dougga is not all public buildings: winding down the hill, the homes and shops echo today's Mediterranean style, with living quarters behind the shop façade; and further down again is the House of the Trifolium, named for the clover-shaped ante-room to the dozen "workrooms" constituting Dougga's richest private house, its brothel.

One imposing edifice, a 60ft tower, does not "fit" the architecture... it is a delight to learn that this Punic mausoleum dates to five centuries before the Roman occupation, when Carthage and the Numidian princes dominated. Removal of its dedicatory inscription by the British consul in 1842 caused its collapse, but sensitive restoration means that the stone lion crouches once more above its Greek pilasters and Egyptian detail.

Dougga is virtually complete, and silent. Equally tranquil, though apparently less extensive because much excavation remains to be done, are the vast Roman sites of Bulla Regia and Thuburbo Majus.

Cherub and dolphin mosaic in Bulla Regia

Both lie within easy reach of Tunis, and conceal at least part of their wonders under carpets of spring flowers, but both delight with what has been revealed. At Bulla Regia, the elaborate villas — built 20ft below the surface of the ground to protect them from the scorching summer sun — include a magnificent mosaic of Amphitrite surrounded by cherubs and dolphins.

Thuburbro Majus is dominated, now as then, by its Capitol, built on a platform and retaining four of its monolithic Corinthian columns, towering over the hinterland.

I have always wanted to go to Rome to study the Colosseum; now there is less need. The amphitheatre at El-Djem, the ancient Thysdrus, is third only to Rome and Nimes in size, and its mellow golden stone stands 120ft and three tiers of arches tall. The immense oval, 526ft by 406ft, rises over the olive plain and though many of the seats for 30,000 spectators are gone, the sheer size and drama of its past are captivating.

But what the archaeologist reveals from the protecting soil, he destroys, whether immediately or gradually, and Tunisia's authorities have been quick to rescue antiquities in danger.

A repository of quite staggering content is the Bardo National Museum in Tunis, a converted palace packed with Carthaginian, Roman, Byzantine and Muslim fascination. Here in all their original colour and glory are the mosaics you cannot see *in situ*, removed for safe-keeping. For Bulla Regia, see Room VI, for Thuburbo Majus, Room VIII; Dougga has a vast area on the second floor (Room XI).

The mosaics of the Bardo have to be seen to be believed. If the charming "village" of Sidi Bou Said, all blue and white, sunshine and oranges, on Tunis's northern outskirts, represents today's ideal living standard, then the art of pictures in stone — from exotic scenes of gods and muses to daily life in bakehouse or butchery, hunting or chariot race — allows us a glimpse into ancient hopes and aspirations.

Hakima and her friends, heirs to a rich and colourful past, acknowledge the link, and revel in its delight.

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Forging some stable friendships

Children adore horses. **Kari Knight** finds out where they can get close to the animals

Take children on a journey by car, train or even aircraft and you can be in for a stressful time — but sit them on a horse, or in a cart pulled by one, and watch their faces light up. Throughout the centuries humans and horses — and children and horses in particular — have enjoyed a special relationship, and today there is still a deep need to work with, and look at, horses. Even if you would rather study horses than ride them, there are many centres in Britain that provide an introduction.

The Miniature Pony Centre, run by retired jockey Tony Dennis and his wife Jane, covers 120 acres, stretching into Dartmoor National Park, and is a working stud for 160 miniature ponies. As well as Shetland, Dartmoor and Welsh ponies, the centre is building a collection of more spectacular full-size breeds — including the Austrian Lipizzaner, the Andalusian Arab, grey shire, American pinto — used by American Indians — and the palomino.

Children's pony rides are offered all day throughout the summer season, and talks are given on the evolution and history of the horse. "Now is a particularly good time to visit as there are plenty of foals," Angela Annaly, the centre's secretary, says. By the end of the foaling season, towards the end of June, the centre will have an estimated 45 foals.

The Courage Shire Horse Centre, at Maidenhead Thicket in Berkshire, is more suited to the upper-primary schoolchild and older. This centre is one of many dedicated to the heavy horse, and charts its development from its beginnings as a knight's charger, to the draft horse that pulled the nation's ploughs until long after the Industrial Revolution, and on to its existence today mainly as a show horse, bred, in some cases, to ensure that the numbers are kept up.

Although the centre is small (on six acres), it is a monument to the beauty of the shire horse and a model of care. It welcomes disabled visitors and, as it is all on one level, it is easily accessible by wheelchair.

On some days the farrier is hard at work in the yard, beating out the shoes for the massive, one-ton shires and, at the other end of the equine spectrum, for the Shetland ponies that also have a home at the centre. "One of the most attractive features of the shire horse is the enormous 'feathered' feet and hooves, which need a great deal of looking after to prevent infection," says Joan Davis, the centre's senior guide. A set of shoes for a shire can cost £100 — and they need a new set every six weeks.

Dray rides are also on offer at the centre twice a day — at 11.45am and 2.30pm — and visitors can watch the horses being groomed, their manes plaited (always an uneven number of knots, according to ancient superstition) and an audiovisual presentation in the theatre (with rocking horses for toddlers).

Taking the educative process one step further is the Norfolk Shire Horse Centre, which aims to reproduce the working world of the heavy horse before the days of mechanisation. The centre has an extensive collection of restored horse-drawn machinery, wagons and carts from the pre-war period.

Here you will see the heavy horses working the land, ploughing, seeding and harvesting, and giving cart rides. Four different breeds of heavy horse are bred at the centre, including the Suffolk punch, now the rarest of the heavy-horse breeds, with an estimated 40 mares left in Britain. There is also a riding school where you can book a ride on the day.

● *Miniature Pony Centre, Wormhill Farm, North Bovey, near Newton Abbot, Devon (0647 432400): open daily, 10am-5pm, from March to October: £4.25, children £2.95; on B3212, three miles southwest of Moretonhampstead* ♿. *Courage Shire Horse Centre, Cherry Garden Lane, Maidenhead Thicket, Maidenhead, Berkshire (0628 824848): open daily 10.30am-5pm until October: £2.80, children £2 (reductions for groups and OAPs); M4 to junction 8/9, then A4 towards Reading. Norfolk Shire Horse Centre, Sandy Lane, West Runton, Cromer (0263 837339): open until October, Sunday to Friday 10am-5pm; £3, OAPs £2, children £1.50; between A148 and A149 towards Sheringh.* ♿

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Horse's mouth: Elizabeth (left) and Fiona MacGeagh with Joe at the Courage Shire Horse Centre

On the hoof

☐ **Cornwall:** The Cornish Shire Horse Centre has a large collection of shire horses, with five foals this year. The daily shows include a musical parade of the shires (midday and 3pm) and, should it be raining, are held in the indoor arena. Other facilities include a vast adventure playground with under-cover soft play area and ball pool; indoor animal centre; and an owl sanctuary that simulates twilight conditions.

Trelow Farm, Wadebridge (0841 540276). Open daily 10am-5pm until end of October. £3.95; children £2.95. ♿

☐ **Dorset:** The Dorset Heavy Horse Centre has five different breeds of heavy horse and gives commentaries on them three times a day (11.30am, 2.30pm and 4.15pm); also a miniature pony stable (with a new foal this year), pets' corner and wagon rides.

Edmondsham Road, nr Verwood, four miles from Ringwood (0202 824040). Open daily 10am-5pm throughout the year. £2.95, children £1.95, concessions £2.50. ♿

☐ **West Yorkshire:** Situated between Scarborough and Whitby on the North York Moors National Park coastline, Staintondale Shire Horse Farm concentrates on the heavy breeds and has a special afternoon Shetland pony time when children can get involved in grooming; also pets' corner, dairy and museum, great clifftop views.

Staintondale, near Scarborough (0723 870458). Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday and bank holiday Mondays, 10.30am-4.30pm until September 26. £2.50, OAPs £2, children £1.50. Off the A171. ♿

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LADIES

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A charming very attractive well-spoken lady tall with a good figure long legs elegance style & wit. Seeks a tall distinguished unattached gentleman escort for Ascot & The Season with a view to a passionate entanglement! Reply, photo Box 2469

A creative lady 39 seeks loving unattached partner. Voicebox 0839-81-3562 Bucks

ADVENTUROUS attractive slim woman seeks intelligent loving man 39-49 seeking a friend and more. South based. Box 2488

ARE you tall sophisticated smart unattached and 40+, with a great SOH? If so, this attractive intelligent brunette 39 who hates sailing, hiking, cycling and parsimony is waiting to meet you to share the pleasures of life and laughter. London area only. Please Reply with recent photo to Box No 2432

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LADIES

ATTRACTIVE Laughing, lively professional lady, 40s, educated, solvent, independent, good SOH, well travelled, varied interests, seeks handsome, romantic, humorous, solvent tall man for friendship-company to dinner/theatre/cinema etc. Not seeking instant commitment. Letter photo please (preferably of yourself) Central London/Home Counties. Married men and teetotals need not reply. Reply to Box No 2498

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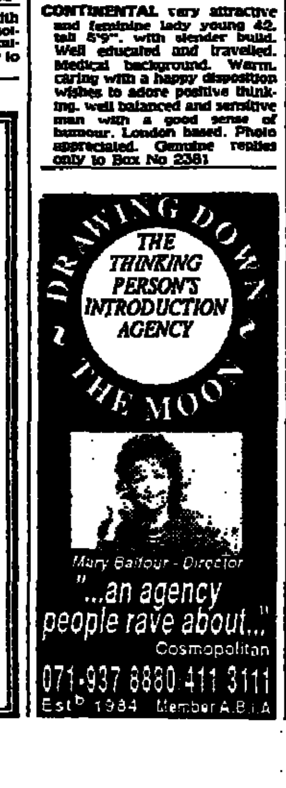

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FRANCESCA GREENOAK

Classical panorama: the ruined shell of the house at Powers Court, co. Wicklow, provides a dramatic backdrop for the splendid landscaped garden and lake

Well versed in the art of planting

The Wicklow Garden Festival inspires **Francesca Greenoak** with magnificent displays, ranging from the epic to lyric

The Irish tend to celebrate natural scenery more than gardens, but investigating the garden landscapes of the fertile, chalky lowlands from Dublin to co. Wicklow, I found something of the Celtic feel for the poetry of landscape in both large and domestic gardens.

Helen Dillon's fabulous Dublin garden, a small masterpiece of design and planting, and Daphne Shackleton's garden nursery of unusual plants, featuring this week at the Chelsea Flower Show, were a sign that Ireland is waking up to the exciting way its gardens are developing.

The Shackleton walled nursery and garden at Clonsilla, to the west of Dublin, has many rare cottage garden and alpine plants. To the northwest, Jim Reynold's country idyll at Butterstream (Trim, co. Meath) is a glorious example of creative plant associations. South of Dublin, the Wicklow Garden Festival began this week and goes on until June 27. About 50 gardens are taking part, including domestic gardens not usually open, as well as established celebrities such as the glorious landscape of Powers Court, with its famous vista over the water garden to the distant Sugarloaf mountain, and the lush abundance of Mount Usher, along the banks of the river Vartry. Also on the Vartry is the small garden of Hunter's Hotel, a haven for two centuries.

This part of eastern Ireland has a climate similar to southern Britain, but there was a distinct character in the choice and use of plants in the gardens I visited. Graigueconna, Rosemary Brown's garden at Bray, is one of the most richly planted and beautiful gardens I have ever encountered, with its combination of fern gardens, its sunken path, wildflower bank, hillocks and shapely shrubs. Thanks to a gentle maritime climate, tender plants such as the honey-scented *Euphorbia melli fera* and the scented *Drimys* thrive.

A plant I came to appreciate in these Irish gardens was the beautiful May-flowering viburnum *(Viburnum plicatum* Mariesii), with its large white blooms. The two-acre domestic garden of Ram House, in Coolgreany, co. Wexford, places the white viburnum with other white-flowered plants such as clematis, violas and white honesty in a delicious woodland glade. The owner, Lolo Stevens, had experimented with a number of interesting but simple combinations such as a lawn-edging of variegated ivy, and a difficult, dry, shaded border with a lovely rich planting of *Euphorbia amygdaloides*, with clematis tumbling over the trellis.

Yellow and orange Welsh poppies were evident in many of the gardens. A delightful intermediate form lies in the shade of a quince tree in a darkish part of my garden, but I think I shall follow the Irish example, let them self-seed more freely and see what happens.

● Helen Dillon's garden at 45 Sandford Road is open on Sundays, 2-6pm. Call 010 3531 8212216 for openings of the Shackleton Garden. Butterstream opens Tuesday to Sunday, 2-5pm. For details of the other gardens and opening times write for the Wicklow Garden Festival booklet, free from the Irish Tourist Board, 150 New Bond Street, London W1Y OAQ (071-493 3201).

Gardens to visit

☐ **Isle of Wight:** *three North Court Gardens (Shorwell, 5m southwest of Newport on B3323).* Three gardens in 14 acres, with walled rose garden, landscaped terraces, borders, water and woodland. Plants for sale. £1.20, child 20p. Tomorrow, 2.30-5.30pm.

☐ **Argyll:** *The Kyles of Bute gardens weekend (gardens in and around Tighnabruaich, 3m southwest of the entrance to Loch Riddon).* Start at Laurel Bank, Auchenlochan, for combined tickets to four very different gardens. £1, child 50p. Today and tomorrow, 2-6pm.

☐ **Gwent:** *Penpergym Lodge (3m southeast of Abergavenny, turn off B4598 opposite King of Prussia).* Unusual vegetable and flower garden borders. Plants for sale. £1, child 20p. Today, 2-6pm, and Thursday-Saturday until July 24, 2-6pm.

☐ **North Yorkshire:** *Old Sleningford Hall (5m northwest of Ripon, between the villages of North Stainley and Mickley).* Mature woodland and water garden with walks. Plants for sale. Adult £1, child 50p. Today, tomorrow and Monday, 1-5pm.

WEEKEND TIPS

- *Use mulches to suppress weeds.*
- *Place plastic rings, cut from plastic bottles, around young plants vulnerable to slugs.*
- *Trim privet and Leyland cypress hedges regularly from now on; wear goggles.*
- *Harvest lettuces, spring onions and other early crops in mild areas; continue successional sowing of salad crops.*
- *Cover young carrot plants with polypropylene fleece to protect them from carrot fly.*
- *Keep newly-planted shrubs and plants well watered, especially during sunny dry spells.*

MY PERFECT WEEKEND

PAUL MICOU

Writer

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Where would you go?
Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts, to visit my friend Mike Rodier and his wife, Sarah. It would be autumn, because their neck of the woods is beautiful then.

How would you get there?
On the big aluminium bird to Logan Airport. Mike would pick me up in his fancy new car.

Where would you stay?
I couldn't stay at Mike's place, it's small, and getting smaller on account of a rumoured new arrival. Someone would find me a room on the water.

Who would be your perfect companion?
My wife. She loves Mike, and is capable of drinking beer with the boys all day long.

What essential piece of clothing or kit would you take?
My glove. Mike is the only guy I've thrown a baseball with in 15 years. He's extremely fit, but patient with his inferiors.

What medicines would accompany you?
Dramamine for the flight. The last time I didn't take Dramamine on an aeroplane I vomited on my boss.

What would you have to eat?
Baked Virginia ham on a roll with lettuce and mayo and mustard with a dill pickle on the side. Mike would probably try to make me jealous of where he lives by buying me a pepper-steak sub with extra cheese and mayo and salt and pepper and a cold 16oz can of Coors.

What would you have to drink?
Cold beer by the case.

Which books would you take?
I'd take along one of the J.P. Marquand novels I've inherited from my parents, and not read.

What music would you listen to?
We would move back the furniture, put on some salsa, and cut a rug with our wives.

What would you watch on television?
The Baseball World Series.

Would you play any games or sport?
Mike is a superb golfer and getting better every year. We'd go out early in the morning and tee off into the crisp New England air, down fairways lined with colourful fallen leaves.

What luxury would you take?
Probably something English, for Sarah. Gin, perhaps.

What piece of art would you have there?
Mike paints. I like his renderings of the sea.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
Mike has no enemies, such is his charm.

Which newspapers or journals would you read?
The front page of the *Boston Globe*, famous for space-consuming photographs of weather.

What three things would you leave behind?
I would leave behind only one thing: any intention of cooking. Mike is a gourmet chef.

What three things would you most like to do?
1. Eat buttered lobster tails. 2. Gossip mercilessly about our mutual friends. 3. Take a drive to where the fall colours are in their prime.

To whom would you send a postcard?
My parents, who like it when I appear to be having fun.

What souvenir would you bring home?
A real estate brochure. They're practically giving away huge clapboard houses on the ocean.

What would you like to find when you got home?
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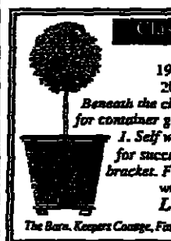
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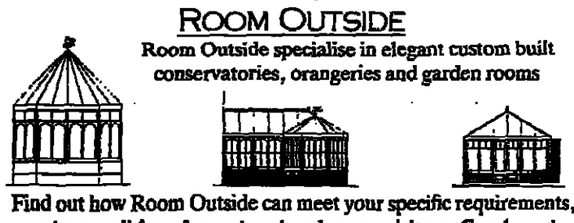
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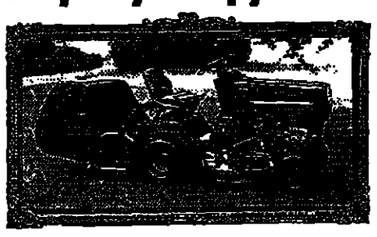
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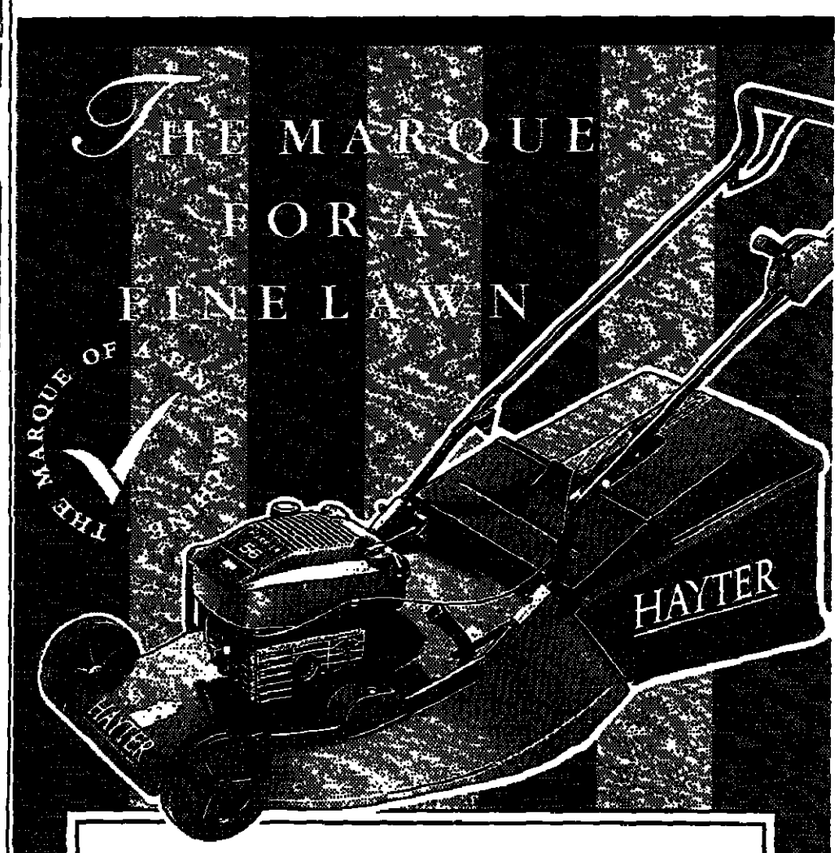

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SPORTING LIFE

Pukka chukkas on two wheels

Enthusiastic fans of bicycle polo gather regularly. Mary Wilson is drawn into their determined quest to revive an ailing pursuit

TED BATH

Wheels on fire: bicycle polo devotees from Chelsea Pedlars practise at Hurlingham Park

Bicycle polo must be the only sport to be invented twice. It was first thought up in 1891 by an Irish racing cyclist, Richard J. Mercredy. He had retired from racing, but was looking around for some strenuous amusement while editing the *Irish Cyclist*. The idea soon caught on, and it spread around cycling nations like wildfire. The first international was at Crystal Palace in 1901, when Ireland beat England; and at an exhibition match at the Olympic Games at Shepherd's Bush, west London, in 1908, Ireland beat Germany.

The first world war put an end to sport. But 15 years later another young racing cyclist, Cyril Scott, this time English, had a brainwave — bicycle polo. He had never heard about the earlier game, and excitedly invented it all over again, forming the Bicycle Polo Association of Great Britain in 1930.

Up to the 1970s the sport was taken very seriously by participants and spectators. In 1967 a match was played at Windsor Park in front of the Queen, and even the Duke of Edinburgh had a bash at it. But in the 1980s its support dwindled, leaving only a few teams around of any note.

The remaining enthusiasts, who are still playing, are determined to get bicycle polo rolling again. Gary Beckett, for example, whose father and grandfather were both keen players, is secretary of the association and has played since he could ride a bike. Mr Beckett has recently left his job in the City, and is delighted to have the time to devote to his hobby. "My driving ambition is to return it to what it once was. I hope to be able to start promoting bicycle polo properly. There are many good players dotted around the country who would be more than willing to start up and coach a local team."

One chilly spring evening I went to watch the Chelsea Pedlars. They have been going strong for ten years, and play in London regularly from April to September.

The two teams donned their blue and red bibs and lined up. The ball was placed in the middle of the pitch and one cyclist from each end hurtled forward to gain possession. From then on it was like watching a rather haphazard and hurly-burly dance as figures entwined and parted, moving up and down the pitch.

Helen Twigge-Molecy was having her second go when I watched the Pedlars in action. "I don't even own a bike," she told me, "but it's great fun even if you can't hit the ball. It takes a while to get used to the bicycle. The wheels are all wacky, when you look down they look all wobbly because the rims aren't straight.

"I like it because it's really different, it's quite addictive. It's quite tricky when you start, having to ride the bike, hold the mallet and try to hit the ball all at the same time. And when some burly man is hurtling towards you, all you want to do is jump off."

The bicycles are specially designed with a short frame and fixed back wheel, which means as soon as you stop peddling the bike stops, and to go backwards you have to peddle backwards. There are no gears. When you're good, you can dribble the ball with your front wheel, block it and then pick it up with the mallet.

It can be a rough game. Chains often get broken and wheels bent, but the rims are made of steel so they can easily be bent back into shape. You are allowed to push and shove with your bike, and tumbles occur.

You need a good eye, to be reasonably fit, and have good bike handling techniques. Some people pick it up straight away, once they have got used to riding a bike with a fixed wheel. It appeals to cyclists and horse polo players alike, but many players have never done either. Apart from the rough and tumble, there's a great team spirit, which is why racing cyclists, who are used to being involved in a totally solitary sport, like it.

The first international to take place this year, in Scotland, should provide much entertainment, and the forerunners in the sport are hoping that it might engender the enthusiasm and following, not to mention sponsorship, they are looking for.

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Game 5	Thurs, September 16	Game 17	Thurs, October 14
Game 6	Sat, September 18	Game 18	Sat, October 16
Game 7	Tues, September 21	Game 19	Tues, October 19
Game 8	Thurs, September 23	Game 20	Thurs, October 21
Game 9	Sat, September 25	Game 21	Sat, October 23
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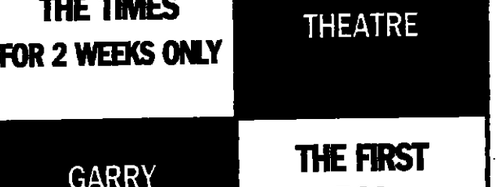

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THE RACES

A dead cert to break somebody's heart

As race fever builds towards Wednesday, Alastair Burnet salutes the colourful history of the Derby, where fortunes have been won and lost and enduring legends made

Luck, sheer luck is a great river that flows through the Derby story, carrying or washing away those who have tempted it.

Heading the list of casualties is the 4th and last Marquess of Hastings, who was reduced to penury by gambling heavily against Hermit, the winner of the 1867 Derby. The drama of his descent from riches to rags was sharpened by the knowledge that the owner of the winning horse was his deadly rival, whose fiancée Hastings had spirited away in a much-publicised elopement days before her wedding. Hermit's victory cost Hastings £120,000 and, as he put it, "broke my heart".

High-born gamblers who overstretched their luck had few options, none of them appealing.

In 1836, the Hon. Berkeley Craven groaned as Bay Middleton passed the winning post; he returned to London and shot himself rather than show his face at Tattersalls as a defaulter. He had laid his fortune against the winner.

Others thought about it, but were wise not to act too impetuously. In 1837, Lord Berners found his colt, Phosphorus, too lame to run. He had stood to win £30,000 but sat down and wrote a note to have Phosphorus scratched. The servant who took it had £100 on the horse at 25-1, and refused to pander to his master's scruples. He tore the note up. Berners did not go to Epsom and on entering his club in the evening, was startled by the servants rushing up

to congratulate him. Phosphorus had been really lame in the last furlong, but struggled home. He never raced again, but Berners forgave his now wealthy man.

After Running Rein's Derby in 1844, a dejected Captain Osborn, who had backed the second, Orlando, returned to London where he was about to enter his chambers, write a farewell note and blow out his brains. A lad rushed up to him at the door and pushed a note into his hands; it said Running Rein was an imposter. Osborn took the hint and immediately began buying up all the Orlando bets he could. He won £30,000 when Running Rein was eventually disqualified.

When Ellington won in 1856, his trainer, Tom Dawson, was reckoned to have won £25,000. He put the banknotes in an old leather hatbox and went off to catch the train home to Middleham in North Yorkshire. He was asleep when the train reached Northallerton, where he had to change, but the guard woke him. The hatbox, forgotten, stayed on the train all the way to Aberdeen. When Dawson realised his loss, telegrams were sent to stations all along the line. The box was sent on to him a week later, unopened.

There were, of course, other big winners from gambling. John Gully, the English champion prizefighter and a distinctly unaristocratic member of racing's élite, won his way into near-respectability and the House of Commons by his coups. Sir Joseph Hawley, who won the Derby four times, was known as the "lucky baronet"; he picked up £43,000 on his Beadsman in 1858 and £80,000 on his Musjid the next year. Nine years later he gave his jockey the full £6,000 Derby prize money for winning on Blue Gown. Towards the end of his life he decried all gambling.

Fred Archer was the greatest jockey of his generation. More than a century after his death, he still has claims to be the greatest ever. He won the Derby five times in a riding career of only 17 years. He subjected himself to the direst methods of wasting in order to ride at the necessary weights. When he first became champion jockey, in 1874, his body weight was just 6st, but those days soon ended. He once told his trainer, Mat Dawson, that to get his weight down in a hurry "I shall sit in the Turkish bath and no doubt elsewhere" until he succeeded. This led to his final illness when, his mind unhinged, he shot himself. He was 29.

For more than 40 years Lester Piggott has been making history in the Derby. In 1972, he equalled the record for the number of riding successes at Epsom (that had stood for 136 years), and in 1976 broke that record; then, in 1983, he set a record that probably will never be broken — by anybody but himself — by winning for the ninth time.

In June 1954, when no more than 18 years of age, Piggott created one of the sensations of

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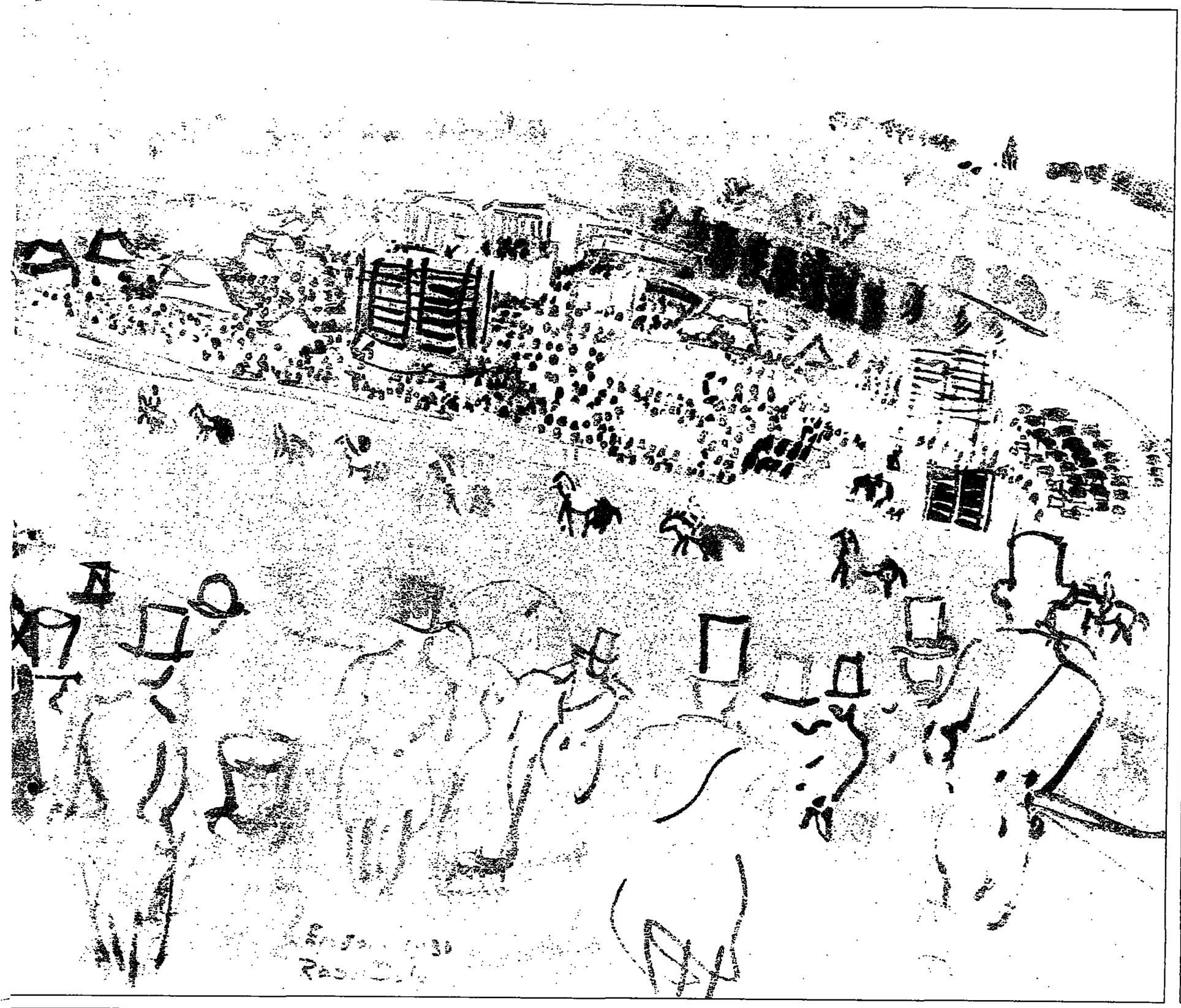


The odds

● But for a simple wager, the Derby might now be known as the Bunbury. The 12th Earl of Derby, whose name was given to the race when it was first run in 1780, decided the issue with Sir Charles Bunbury on the toss of a coin.

● The Derby has had many close finishes but only two dead heats. In the first, in 1828, the two horses and their riders were sent back to run the course over again. In the second dead heat, in 1884, the two principals decided to split the money.

● Isabella Mayson, better known as Mrs Beeton, the patron saint of Victorian housewives, spent her childhood in a house that was part of the first Epsom grandstand.

● 150,000 people attend the Epsom Derby. It costs £500,000 to stage and a little over £1,250,000 to administer, attracts more than £40 million in bets and generates 75 tons of litter, not to mention the attention of more than 450 million people around the world on television.

● The Queen has yet to win the Derby, after 39 years of trying. She came closest in 1953, the year of her coronation, when Aureole finished second.

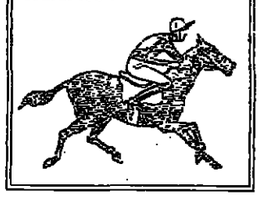
● On May 4, 1780, the inaugural Derby Stakes on Epsom Downs carried a purse of 1,075 guineas, the total entry fees subscribed by the owners of the 36 entrants. On June 2, 1993, the purse will be £750,000.

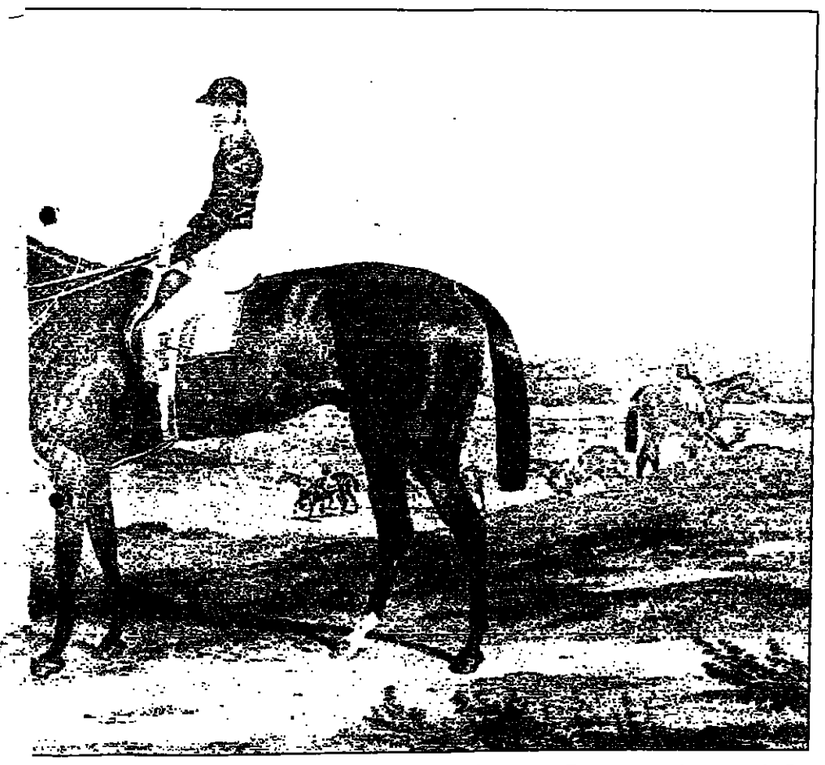
● Worldwide, there are 300 other Derbies named after the premier race.

● The total value of the runners in this year's race is more than £25 million.

● The oldest winning jockey was J. Forth, who was more than 60 when he won on Frederick in 1829.

● The longest priced winners were Jeddah in 1898 and Signorinetta in 1908, both at 100-1.





A day at the races: above, Derby Day on Epsom Downs (1930) by Raoul Dufy. Left, Andover, winner of the 1854 Derby, owned by the prizefighter, John Gully, from a painting by Harry Hall

e post-war decade by winning the Derby on the 33-1 tsider, Never Say Die.

Those jockeys who were own to ride honestly roughout their careers were dom fortunate. Jem Robinrider of six Derby winners, d to be saved from the rkhouse; he and his wife set for London at the end of ry season to spend everyng he had earned. George rdham, a successful rider by generation's standards, n the Derby only once and d to withstand recriminaı about his unlucky failures. 1863, Macaroni, the winhad a close verdict over rdham's mount. When rdham heard he was being used of pulling his horse, he ashed his accuser and then nt the evening in tears on stairs of his home.

a rider could be trusted, it not mean that fate was ible. Stable lads could be ght. In 1825, Middleton ed with a bucketful of er and a sponge in his nach, but the people who ed the lad were unlucky. ldleton still won. Nor could es be trusted to stay part of am. Diamond Jubilee, the ce of Wales's winner in), took a violent dislike to jockey, Mornington Cannon. It turned out that Cannon had ridden him when he was in pain with his teeth, and he never forgave Cannon for it. So Herbert Jones, an unknown lad from the royal stables who knew Diamond Jubilee's ways, got the Epsom ride, which was the making of him. Jones had another royal winner with Minoru in 1909, but it was as

the royal jockey that he had the bad luck to be brought down with his mount, Anmer, by the militant suffragette Emily Davison in 1913. She died from her injuries.

The 1844 Derby was the dirtiest Derby to be run — or at least to be found out. Two horses, Running Rein and Leander, were found to be four-year-olds, a physical difference that almost guaranteed their superiority to the three-year-olds conforming to the rules. The deception was far from new. Bird, the trainer for Lord Egremont, who owned five early Derby winners, was said to have admitted on his deathbed that he had succeeded twice with four-year-olds; he cannily did not divulge in which years.

Starters could be bought, but even when they were honest, they could be incompetent. Tom McGeorge started most of the horses ahead of the post in the 1862 Derby, leaving some behind. Next year he was so nervous that there were 34 false starts, all in the teeming rain. And for trainers beset by all the worries of health, injury, bribery, temperament and weather, there were the simple problems of just getting their charges to the course and the start itself. Winners had several near-misses.

In 1855, the box to take Wild Dayrell to Epsom was sabotaged; the stable discovered this by testing it with a bullock inside. It collapsed, breaking the bullock's leg. In 1896, Persimmon refused to get into his box at the station, and Richard Marsh, his trainer, had to pay the crowd watching the train to lift him in bodily. In 1922, Captain Cuttle got loose when being boxed to go to Epsom and trotted off. Everyone feared he would do himself an injury. But the Captain was very attached to his trainer, Fred Darling, and when he heard Darling's voice calling he turned round obediently and trotted back.

In 1928, the crowd got out of control as the horses came on the course. It surrounded the favourite, Lord Derby's Fairway, picking hairs out of his tail, so that, not surprisingly, he was sweating and shaking with fright. In 1932, the horsebox taking April the Fifth, owned and trained by the actor Tom Walls, was caught in an impossible traffic jam. April had to be taken out and walked to the course, which he reached in time and won. The times when luck destroyed other good horses' chances at Epsom cannot be calculated.

But there was one Derby winner who apparently never worried about anything, suited himself and always found bad luck passing him by. He was Cremorne (1872). He had one rule in life: he ate everything that came his way, usually his straw bedding. Before being saddled for his Derby, he was found lying fast asleep in his box, his stable lad singing him a ditty from a penny songbook. In the race, it was his jockey, Maidment, who was almost caught napping, but Cremorne came home unworried.

He then won the Grand Prix de Paris and faced, equably as was his way, a hostile anti-English demonstration on his way back to the paddock. His apprehensive handlers decided to take him across the Channel on the Boulogne steamer that night. He was unperturbed by the storm, although it meant he got to his stable two and a half hours late. The next evening, he was boxed to Ascot, where he had a win and a walkover at the Royal meeting. At stud he ate himself to death in 1883. It was thought to be quite a way to go.

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1 (and 1 *dn*). Poetic vision of capital transfer to industrial England (3,3,9,7,4,5,5,4 7,5)
15 *It doesn't involve many, as a rule* (9)
16 Kiss in a church in Devon town (9)
17 An ornament with a pin, say, that's opened (7)
18 Light reflected from single amethyst (5)
19 Is rouble, say, exchangeable here? (11)
20 Fanatical approach unknown in one thousand metres, oddly (9)
21 One still around though long finished (3-4)
22 Processing of fare from France (7)
24 Pack into ground, inside main terrace (5)
26 The usual confusion as enthusiasts go back to university (5)
27 Coincidence as untimely as it could possibly be (12)
30 Old Testament characters assembled for auction (3,3)
32 Arty type has incomplete data about speaker's position (7)
34 Throw cold water on animals around end of hot spell (5)
36 *More powerful type of school?* Reorganized Eton before start of term (9)
37 French queen's cheerful exhortation for end of 15 (8,3)
39 Recounting royal high spirits (8)
40 Mention enterprises designed as sources of income when work's over (10,8)
45 Catholic devotion that is, to confessors, special (8,2,3,5)
46 Fired back in fight? Not with this weapon (8)
48 *Extremely small bats used in cup game* (6-5)
52 News announcer bringing crew into broadcast? Right (4,5)
53 Take a footballer this and he will be surprised! (5)
54 Bouquet, brightly coloured (7)
56 Leaves for drink, covered by paper (3-3)
57 More pleasant information about painting in first class setting (12)
60 Key group including nucleus of corps (5)
61 Crop produced from seed, from what we hear (5)
63 Monotonous performer has to, in *private* (7)
64 A large book briefly set out some mathematics (7)
66 Cross one river? Middle of ferry I board (9)
68 Inanity as eccentric aunt fusses about nothing (11)
70 Cry of attention-seeker 'eard in Scottish town (5)
71 It's lower, which is a disappointment (3-4)
72 Money's short — four tucked into *limited food, suffering this* (9)
73 Bargain price economist provided for composer (4-5)
74 Sporting body briefly referred to *in three articles* (7,8,11)

DOWN

1 (See 1 *ac*)
2 Including king or queen, various clubs (7)
3 *Alternative to siren, with style of a* jolly beautiful woman, we hear (5-4)
4 Radical friar (7)
5 *Sound agreement on plans?* Bridges, for example, depended on them (5-7)
6 Part of uniform tailor has with *permission taken up* (5)
7 Finish off vehicle in this part of France (8)
8 Top politician, or royal chaplain? (8,2,3,5)
9 Extremely stormy, apart from North? Nobody's seen such waves! (11)
10 Port in the East of France? Au contraire! (7)
11 Former lieutenant accepts a raise in rank (5)
12 *He sends RA out, prepared to do* some drawing (9)
13 I'm in Argentina, possibly, starting life anew (11)
14 *Range of spectators watch start of* long run, as described by Byron (3,9,4,2,8)
23 Shy in public, embracing Tory's odd constituents (9)
25 Lacked a horse for Wild West show (5)
28 Unreliable girl's a burden on bushman (7)
29 A bit of wind you'll hear in the mountains (7)
31 Reliable leader for team? Not in practice (6)
33 Major Yeates, for example, initially liable to be taken for a marine (8,10)
35 Runs I later collected in the second or third test (7)
38 Australian parrot, red all over? (7)
41 Cutting from Times displayed in English department (9)
42 Competitor who won't remain an outsider? (7)
43 Not in form, so rejected (7)
44 *Something worn, put over head* — clear? (6)
47 Convicted writer on run heads for wastelands (12)
49 What one wants — a form of desire, in fact (11)
50 Man well provided for, it's said, in crooked way (5)
51 Rugby player is hard and unapproachable (5-6)
55 Mac's appreciative comment on painter's work (9)
58 Outlook for Marathon, referred to after 14 (6,3)
59 Cones I put down after pile-up in *Bristol* (8)
62 Moralistic relations giving former wife ample trouble (7)
64 As used by some murderers (7)
65 Gentile's artistic family name (7)
67 African seen in turban, repeatedly (5)
69 Tropical plant Queen's raised (5)

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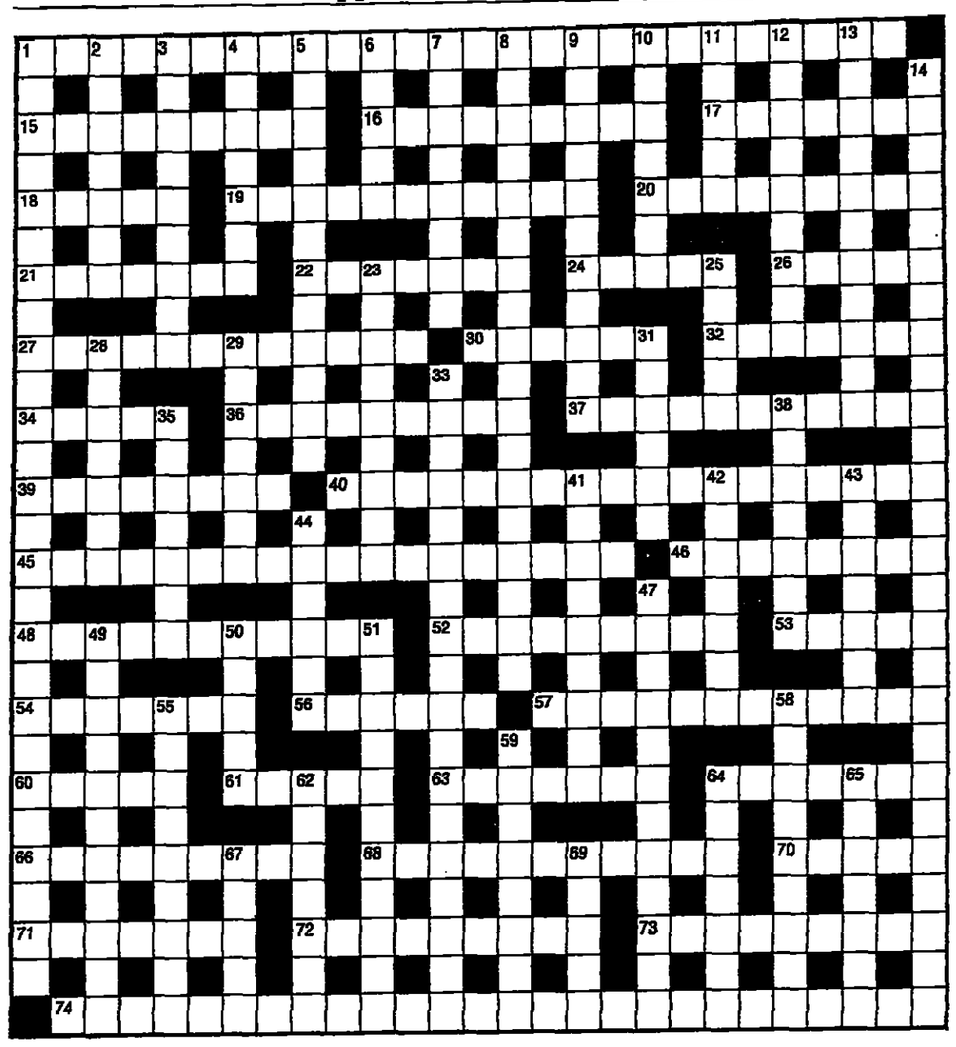

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ACROSS

1 Pirates of Penzance "very" military man (5,2,1,6,5-7)
15 Clearly defined factors (9)
16 Demands (7,2)
17 Prolong (7)
18 Glow (5)
19 Intense dislike (5,6)
20 Course game martyr (4,5)
21 Woman's bedwear (7)
22 Thus (7)
24 Glasses (5)
26 The Cry artist (5)
27 Lesser share (5,7)
30 Sadness (6)
32 *Curve-touching line* (7)
34 Yobbos (5)
36 Backfire (9)
37 Light symphony (11)
39 Novel (8)
40 Carrying the Gospel (7,3,4,4)
45 Aircraft black box (6,4,8)
46 Reprove firmly (8)
48 Mentally pressured (5,6)
52 Unstable (9)
53 Romansch speaker (5)
54 Leaving a will (7)
56 Trifles (6)
57 Mussorgsky murder opera (5,7)
60 Completely consume (3,2)
61 Warehouse (5)
63 Mosaic tiles (7)
64 Private back door (7)
66 Absence of encroaching (2,7)
68 Subjugation (11)
70 Pulled along (2,3)
71 Waste preventer (4,3)
72 US lifts (9)
73 Vapour respiratory aid (9)
74 Smith Square trade union (9,3,7,7)

DOWN

1 Keats autumn season (5,3,6,12)
2 Cutting down food (7)
3 English footwear city (9)
4 Man-of-war bird (7)
5 Inaccurate reference (12)
6 Propel (5)
7 Reiterated (8)
8 Selfish and uncharitable (7,3,8)
9 Proper reward (4,7)
10 Go back on word (7)
11 Artist's stand (5)
12 Promiscuous girl (4,5)
13 Renunciation (11)
14 First full Disney cartoon (4,5,3,3,5,6)
23 Frighten (5,4)
25 Begin work (3,2)
28 *Pearly molluscs* (7)
29 In ship (2,5)
31 Marvel (6)
33 Bring load to bier (5,6,2,5)
35 Slide (7)
38 Within the house (7)
41 "*Key of the door*" age (6,3)
42 Long-lived male deer (3,4)
43 *View* (7)
44 Public road (6)
47 Area south of Mexico (5,7)
49 *Faithless type* (11)
50 General tendency (5)
51 Napoleon's final island (5,6)
55 Relate to (9)
58 Plunderer (9)
59 Coated veal slice (8)
62 *Rabies/anthrax* vaccine chemist (7)
64 Cat, dog parade (3,4)
65 Qualify (7)
67 With full load (3,2)
69 Follow (5)

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FILM

BAD BEHAVIOUR (15): Domestic tangles in North London. Droll improvised comedy from Les Blair, with Stephen Rea, Sinead Cusack and Philip Jackson.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

BEING AT HOME WITH CLAUDE (18): Shallow film based on Rene-Daniel Dubois's play about a rent boy's confession of murder. Jean Baudin directs Roy Dubois, Jacques Godin.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

COP AND A HALF (PG): Pipsqueak kid joins Florida detective Burt Reynolds on a case. Inane action comedy, directed by Henry Winkler.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

Father, dear father: Danny DeVito in Jack the Bear

GROUNDHOG DAY (PG): Harold Ramis's marvellously fresh, humane comedy about a weatherman (Bill Murray) who always wakes up to the same day. With Andie MacDowell.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

I WAS ON MARS (15): Shades of Jim Jarmusch in these slight, quirky adventures of a Polish innocent in New York. Directed by German film-maker Dani Levy.
Metro (071-437 0757).

INDECENT PROPOSAL (15): Sex, greed and Robert Redford: a potent mixture, though Adrian Lyne's film gets sillier scene by scene. With Demi Moore, Woody Harrelson.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

JACK THE BEAR (12): Danny DeVito has single-parent problems. Ugly-looking, overloaded comedy-drama with agreeable child performers. Marshall Herskovitz directs.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683.

LEOLO (18): Demanding, audacious, exciting journey through a Montreal family's madness and dreams. Writer-director, Jean-Claude Lauzon.
Metro (071-437 0757) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

MADAME BOVARY (PG): Claude Chabrol adapts Flaubert; annoyingly dull, despite Isabelle Huppert as the bored provincial wife.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

NOWHERE TO RUN (15): Shabby variation on *Shane*, with Jean-Claude Van Damme as the fugitive helping Rosanne Arquette fight for her land. Director, Robert Harmon.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

PASSENGER 57 (15): A psychotic terrorist hijacks a plane, but Wesley Snipes saves the day. Breezy revival of the *Airport* format, with Bruce Payne. Director, Kevin Hooks.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

SOMMERSBY (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush hokum, based on *The Return of Martin Guerre*. Director, Jon Amiel.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THE STORY OF QIU JU (12): Chinese stylist Zhang Yimou changes tack with a wonderful, simple film about a peasant woman (Gong Li) seeking justice. The top prizewinner at last year's Venice festival.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

THREE NINJA KIDS (PG): Youngsters fend off attack from an arms dealer's stooges. Mind-numbing blend of *Home Alone* and *The Karate Kid*. Director, Jon Turteltaub.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

VACAS: Julio Medem's striking, mysterious Basque saga is strong on jagged images but weak on narrative momentum.
ICA (071-930 3647).

WILD WEST (15): Adventures of an Asian Country and Western band from Southall, West London. Buoyant but thin comedy, with Naveen Andrews and Sarita Choudhury. Director, David Attwood.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148).

THEATRE

LONDON

THE CHANGELING: Michael Attenborough's vivid and lusty production from Stratford, with Cheryl Campbell and Malcolm Storry sinking into evil.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Mon-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm.

CITY OF ANGELS: Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

CRAZY FOR YOU: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm.

A DAY IN THE DEATH OF JOE EGG: Peter Nichols updates his famous first success to the present day, with Clive Owen and Elizabeth Garvie in the leads.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Previews from Tues, 8pm; opens June 8, 7.30pm; then Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm.

AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER: Back again for an eight week season: comic fantasies among the football-watching classes.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Opens Wed, 8pm; then Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm.

THE GIFT OF THE GORGON: Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST: Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

IN LAMBETH: A welcome revival of Jack Shepherd's enthralling encounter between Thomas Paine and Mr and Mrs William Blake — first seen naked in the branches of a tree.
Lyric Studio, King Street, W6 (081-741 8701). Previews from Wed, 8pm; opens June 8, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4.30pm.

JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK: Sound and steady production from the Gate Theatre, Dublin. Anita Reeves an admirable Juno at war with unusually horrid menfolk.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

THE LAST YANKEE: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

LEONARDO: Musical about that painting with Paul Collis and Jane Arden playing "Leonardo" and "Lisa".
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Previewing tonight, Mon-Wed, 8pm; opens Thurs, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm.

ON A LEVEL: The energetic, all-female BiBi Crew offers a lively depiction of black British life.
Theatre Royal Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (081-534 0310). Tues-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 7pm.

THE PAN BEATERS: The tragedy of Phaedra retold for modern Trinidad: Don Warrington a millionaire, Joanna McCallum his bored wife, Victor Romero Evans the steel-band player, Hypolite. Promises well.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Previews from Thurs, 7.45pm; opens June 7, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm.

THE SHOWMAN: Alan Bates is clever and funny as Thomas Bernhard's self-obsessed actor but the play does not amount to much.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Fri, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

THE SUM OF US: *Neighbours* star Ian Williams appears opposite James Beattie in highly-praised Australian play about a father and his gay son. An off-Broadway hit.
Warehouse, Dingwall Road, East Croydon (081-680 4060). Previews from Fri, 8pm; opens June 8, 7pm; then Tues-Sat, 8pm, mat Sun, 5pm.

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW: Summer in the Park again. Toby Robertson directs Geordie Johnson, Cathy Tyson and Bernard Bresslaw in Shakespeare at his most politically incorrect.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Previews from tonight, Mon, 8pm; opens Tues, 8pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm.

TRANSLATIONS: Sam Mendes directs Brian Friel's good play set in a Donegal hedge-school in 1833, where British mapmakers face the difficulties of Gaelic.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-876 1150). Previews from Thurs, 8pm; opens June 8, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm.

REGIONAL

CHICHESTER: Toyah Willcox, plays the seriously strange painter Dora Carrington in Jane Beeson's play *Carrington*. Robert Pickavance plays Lytton Strachey, Annie Castledine directs.
Minerva, Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park (0243 781312). Previews Wed, Thurs, 7.45pm; opens Fri, 7.45pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 2.45pm.

EDINBURGH: The season of

Timothy West: starring in Himself (see Southampton)

farce continues with Michael Frayn's matchless backstage comedy *Noises Off*. *Rockery Nook* is set to join the repertoire on June 16.
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay Street (031-229 9697). Opens Fri, 8pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm.

MOLD: Mike Alfreds directs Susie Blake and a large cast in Feydeau's excellent *A Flea in her Ear*, climaxing in a hotel room with a revolving bed.
Theatre Clwyd, County Civic Centre (0352 755114). Previews from Fri, 7.30pm; opens June 8, 7.30pm; then Tues-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Sats (from June 19), 3pm.

SALISBURY: *Good Morning, Bill*, P.G. Wodehouse's comedy of love and golf, follows his young hero, aided or otherwise by Lord Squiffy Tidmarsh, in his affair with a dashed attractive woman doctor.
Playhouse, Mallings Lane (0722 320333). Opens Fri, 8pm; then Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

SOUTHAMPTON: Timothy West plays a jaded Irish actor offered a chance of fame as an American evangelist in Brian Phelan's play, *Himself*. Tour follows and maybe London.
Nuffield, University Road (0703 671771). Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Jane Lapotaire, Simon Russell Beale and John Carlisle in Katie Mitchell's production of *Ghosts*. Sounds good.
The Other Place (0789 295623). Previews all next week, 7.30pm and June 9, 7.30pm; opens June 10, 7pm; then on nights when *King Lear* is not playing at the main house (because Beale plays Edgar).

EVENINGS OUT

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"I would like to go to the big open air concert at Alexandra Palace called "Jazz on a summer's day" [June 27] featuring big names such as Al Jarreau and Courtney Pine. But my real favourite in the line-up is the untrained South African pianist Bheki Mseleku. I've seen him before doing a great solo show at the Bass Clef in London, but I'm looking forward to seeing him on a big stage outside with lots of other jazz people. His music has a strong African feel to it which I like (I've lived over here for 18 years but I grew up in South Africa). I hope to see the Theatre Royal Stratford East's production *On a Level* by the BiBi Crew — seven actresses who produced the whole show themselves and say they are exploring what it is to be black and British. I heard its reviews on Radio 4's *Kaleidoscope* and it sounded very funny [ends June 12]. I'm a big fan of the small Hunt Jennings gallery in Bourdon Street, London, W1 [off Berkeley Square] which sells the works of the Glasgow Print Studio and other printmakers. I will definitely not miss the Elizabeth Blackadder exhibition *Orchids and Other Flowers* [from June 23]. I got to know her work through Royal Academy Summer Shows. I'm dying to see the new suite of ten orchid prints — maybe I'll treat myself . . . "

Vibrant talent: New Orleans trumpeter Wynton Marsalis returns to the UK (see Jazz)

THE GARDEN VENTURE: London audiences have been rather overwhelmed by short new operas lately, not all of them terribly interesting, but The Royal Opera House's Garden Venture showcase can usually be relied on to produce work that deserves to be seen. As usual, this year's six commissions from young composers are divided into two programmes, performed on alternate evenings.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London, W6 (081-748 3354). Tonight, Wed, Fri, 7.45pm; Mon, 6pm; next Saturday, 2.30pm (Programme B). Tues, Thurs, next Sat, 7.45pm; tomorrow, 6pm (Programme A).

ROCK

THE VELVET UNDERGROUND: A chance to witness the perhaps unwise reformation of the once great 1960s band comprising Lou Reed, John Cale, Maureen Tucker and Sterling Morrison. Three man band Luna have been hand-picked by Reed to be the opening act of each gig.
Edinburgh, Playhouse (031-557 2590), Tues, Wed, 6.45pm. **London**, Forum (071-284 2200), next Sat, 7pm. **Middlesex**, Wembley Arena (081-900 1234), next Sun, 6.30pm.

GUNS N' ROSES: The powerhouse rock band returns for two big-stadium gigs with strong support from Ian Astbury's goth rock outfit, The Cult.
National Bowl, Milton Keynes (0908 232888), today and tomorrow, 3pm.

JAMIROQUAI: Mature, soulful jazz-funk from this promising new band fronted by the sweet-voiced Jay Kay. Hip-hoppers Oui 3 offer fine support.
Egham, Royal Holloway College (information only: 0784 439803). Wed, 8pm (NUS card holders only). **London**, Brixton Academy (071-326 1022), Fri, 9pm.

Hot-headed star: Jay Kay from new band Jamiroquai

JAZZ

HARRY CONNICK JR: For these big venue concerts, a lush 17-piece orchestra will be beefing up the performance of this laconic crooner and pianist. He plays at London's Albert Hall on June 7, 8 and 9.
Edinburgh, Playhouse (031-557 2590), Mon, 7.45pm. **Manchester**, Apollo (061-242 2560), Tues, 7.45pm. **Birmingham**, Symphony Hall (021-212 3333), Thurs, 7.45pm.

WYNTON MARSALIS: Linchpin of the Marsalis musical mafia, this New Orleans trumpeter makes a welcome return promoting his forthright latest album, *Resolution to Swing*.
Manchester, The Ritz (061-236 7110). Tues, 7pm. **Edinburgh**, Queen's Hall (031-668 2019), Thurs, 7pm. **London**, The Grand (071-738 9000), Fri, 7pm. **Birmingham**, Town Hall (021-236 2392), next Sun, 7.15pm.

T'N' T — STAN TRACEY/ KEITH TIPPETT: As part of the Bath International Festival, these two leading pianists and improvisors are reunited in celebration of their latest album for Blue Note, *Duets*.
Assembly Rooms, Bath (0225 463362), tomorrow, 8pm.

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

BATH FESTIVAL: The second week of this lively festival includes recitals by such distinguished soloists as Julian Bream (The Forum, tonight, 7.30pm), Stephen Kovacevich (The Forum, tomorrow, 7.30pm), Joanna MacGregor (Guildhall, Mon, 1pm) and Alfred Brendel (The Forum, Fri, 7.30pm). There is also chamber music from the Endellion Quartet (Guildhall, today, 11am) and the Borodin Quartet (Assembly Rooms, Thurs, 7.30pm); and two virtuoso appearances by the eclectic and entertaining Swedish duo of Hakan Hardenberger (trumpet) and Christian Lindberg (trombone) (Guildhall, tomorrow, 1pm; Assembly Rooms, Mon, 7.30pm). Tonight in the Guildhall (7.30pm) the chamber ensemble capricorn present a programme that includes British premieres of works by Alfred Schnittke, Magnus Lindberg, and the Norwegian composer Arne Nordheim (who will be present at the concert).
Information and Bookings 0225 463362.

GAVIN BRYARS ENSEMBLE: One of the most individualistic — some might say merely eccentric — figures in contemporary British music presents a new chamber work, together with a selection of pieces from various stages of his career, among them a revised version of *Jesus' Blood Never Failed Me Yet*, one of his most celebrated works of the Seventies.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Thurs, 7.45pm.

OPERA

TRIAL BY JURY: Following *The Magic Flute* in the Masonic Temple, the BOC Covent Garden Festival offers another work in an appropriate setting: Gilbert and Sullivan's one-acter — the work which really established their collaboration — performed in Bow Street Magistrates' Court. The performances on Monday at 1pm and 4.30pm are billed as "audience participation performances" — turn up an hour and-a-half beforehand for rehearsal.
Bow Street Magistrates' Court, London, WC2, tonight, 7pm, 8.30pm; Monday, 1pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 8.30pm. **Festival Information Line** (0839 600 600); **Booking** (First call — no fee) 071-497 9977.

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

BP PORTRAIT AWARD 1993: This year there were 787 entries, the largest number since the award was inaugurated in 1980.
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, WC2 (071-306 0055). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, midday-6pm, opens Fri to September 5.

THOMAS GAMBIER PARRY: Parry (1816-88) was early among British collectors (and indeed collectors in general) to start seriously collecting Italian Primitives. He bought his first 15th-century painting in 1849, and during the next 15 years amassed an impressive selection of paintings, ivories, enamels and majolica. This show gives a picture of him as a collector, but concentrates more on his own work as a watercolourist, antiquarian and inventor.
Courtauld Institute Galleries, Somerset House, The Strand, WC2 (071-873 2526). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, opens Thurs to September 1.

ART IN THE CITY: Not exactly an exhibition, but a sculptured trail linking 14 public sites in the City of London, beginning and ending at the Barbican Centre. A number of works will be created on site; others may become permanent parts of the city landscape. Among the more impressive will no doubt be the giant head breaking through the pavement of Paternoster Square, by Clark-MacGregor, and the flock of wire sheep by Sophie Ryder grazing in Finsbury Circus.
Barbican Centre, EC2 (information 071-588 9023), Thurs to July 25.

NATCHEZ ON THE MISSISSIPPI: In Natchez, allegedly the inspiration for *Show Boat*, photographers were busily at work in the last quarter of the 19th century. Henry C. Norman was town photographer from 1870-1915 and recorded the booming steamboat era. His predecessor Henry Gurney photographed the more sombre Civil War period. The pictures in this exhibition are selected from a cache of more than 70,000 found stored on an open patio in the 1970s.
Concourse Gallery, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 4141), Mon-Sat 10am-7.30pm, Sun midday-7.30pm, until June 25.

WILLIAM SCOTT: A new edition to the Tate Gallery's range of long-term displays for 1993 is a group of works by this painter who is well represented in the gallery's collection and is here shown to advantage with a selection of his semi-abstracted still-lifes.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London, SW1 (071-821 1313), Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, indefinitely.

INTERIOR/EXTERIOR: The president of the Royal Academy, Roger de Grey, is 75 this year. To celebrate, there is a show of his series of paintings, *Interior/Exterior*, inspired by his studio and the orchard outside it.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10-11am, 4-6pm, until next Sun.

NEW BEGINNINGS: Ken Powell has a collector's passion for British art of the immediate post-war era, and has amassed an unrivalled collection of it in the last 20 years. His particular favourite is Prunella Clough, but he also owns a splendid representation of St Ives free form abstractionists.
Courtauld Institute Galleries (Nos 9 and 10), Somerset House, Strand, WC2 (071-873 2526). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until June 13.

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE/JAMES TURRELL: An odd matrag at the Hayward Gallery brings together a retrospective of Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986), leading figure of the American avant-garde, and James Turrell (born 1943), who uses coloured light to transform interior spaces
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, SE1 (071-921 0873). Daily, 10am-6pm (Tues, Wed to 8pm), until June 27.

GEORGES BRAQUE — PRINTS: Braque produced prints of various kinds, starting with a series of Cubist etchings, but he really concentrated on print-making only after 1945, when he started to make lithograph and intaglio prints.
Tate Gallery (as before). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until June 27.

TRADITION AND REVOLUTION IN FRENCH ART: This show representing the collection of the Musée des Beaux-Arts in Lille gives a very fair idea of the cross-currents in French art between 1700 and 1880. Its particular strength is in fine works by academic painters little known in this country.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun, midday-8pm, until July 11.

THE SIXTIES: Neo-Art Nouveau, Op Art and Bridget Riley, Pop Art and David Hockney . . . It is all here.
Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-588 9023). Mon, Wed-Sat, 10am-6.45pm, Tues, 10am-5.45pm, Sun, midday-6.45pm, until June 13.

REGIONAL

ROYAL RESIDENCES OF THE VICTORIAN ERA: Among the royal collection of drawings and watercolours which survived the Windsor fire unscathed are a number of works commissioned by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert to commemorate the palaces in which they lived and the humbler residences they visited. The present show gives an evocative picture of the Victorian royal family lifestyle.
Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester (061-273 4865). Mon-Wed, Fri, Sat, 10am-5pm, Thurs 10am-9pm, until July 31.

PETER HOWSON — PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS OF THE 1980s: A Mayfest exhibition of the artist's bold 1980s works. Howson is currently acting as official war artist in Bosnia, sponsored by *The Times*.
William Hardie Gallery, 141 West Regent Street, Glasgow (041-221 6780). Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat, 10am-1pm, until June 15. Closed Bank holiday Monday.

DAVID HOCKNEY, GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES: A South Bank Centre touring exhibition collects the artist's bizarre reflections on the Brothers Grimm's ruthless fairy tale world.
Gantry Arts Centre, Blechynden Terrace, Southampton (0703 229318). Tues, Wed, 10am-4pm, Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat, midday-5pm, until next Sat.

RECENT BRITISH SCULPTURE: Another South Bank touring show celebrates the achievements of 1980s sculptors such as Tony Cragg, Richard Deacon and Antony Gormley.
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Belford Road, Edinburgh (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm, until June 13.

ROMANESQUE: This show of stone sculptures from medieval England offers a unique opportunity to see close-up two important series of works, from York Minster and Lincoln Cathedral, removed from their original positions more than 20 years.
Henry Moore Institute, 75 The Headrow, Leeds (0532 467467). Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm (Wed to 9pm), Sat-Sun, 1-5pm, until July 19. Closed Bank holiday Monday.

DANCE

WHITE OAK DANCE PROJECT: This is the company set up by Mikhail Baryshnikov and Mark Morris in 1990 to showcase the best in American modern dance. Last in London a year ago, it now returns for only two nights with an exciting programme new to Britain: a reconstruction of Hanya Holm's *Jocose*; Morris's *Mosaic and Unlaced*; and *Pergolesi*, by Twyla Tharp.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London, EC1 (071-278 8916), Fri, next Sat, 7.30pm.

ROYAL BALLET: Covent Garden is celebrating Dame Ninette de Valois's 95th birthday with a revival of her 1937 ballet, *Checkmate*, which was last performed at the Royal Opera House in the 1970s. Also on the same bill are Balanchine's *Prodigal Son* (created for the Ballets Russes in 1929); and Glen Tetley's *La Ronde*, a series of ten successive *pas de deux* revealing the sexual infidelity and intrigue in Schnitzler's 1908 play
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066), Fri, 7.30pm, next Sat, 2.30pm, 7.30pm.

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: The company premieres a new work by Matthew Hart, a young dancer with Covent Garden who recently won the 1993 Frederick Ashton Choreographic Award. *Street* is danced to William Russo's blues concerto and features Sixties pop star Paul Jones (formerly of Manfred Mann) on harmonica. The same programme also offers the finals of the conducting for dance competition, and another chance to view the remarkable reconstruction of Massine's early symphonic ballet *Choreartium*.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021-622 7486), Tues, 7.30pm.

NEW VIDEOS

HUSBANDS AND WIVES (20:20 Vision, 15): Woody Allen's best film in years, a lacerating tale of collapsing New York marriages, with enough echoes of his off-screen travails to keep armchair psychiatrists busy for years. With Mia Farrow, Judy Davis (marvellous), Liam Neeson and Juliette Lewis. 1992.

NIGHT AND THE CITY (First Independent, 15): Small-time lawyer Robert De Niro turns boxing promoter. Restless, disappointing remake of the 1950 classic from director Irwin Winkler. 1992

PEDRO ALMODOVAR FILMS (Tartan, 18): Four early works by the Spanish master of camp reach the video shelves. *Pepi, Luci, Bom*. (1980) is thin gruel, but *Labyrinth of Passion* (1982), *Dark Habits* (1983) and *What Have I Done to Deserve This?* (1984), his first international hit, all contain enough satire, kinky sex and garish fashions to satisfy the Almodóvar epicure.

BOOKINGS

COMEDIANS: Trevor Griffiths's early play is given a new staging by the Lyric Hammersmith and the West Yorkshire Playhouse. Tim McInnerney, best known for his television roles in *Blackadder*, plays Gethin Price, a soured, would-be entertainer. After its opening in Leeds this month, the production receives a London run.
Lyric Hammersmith, Crisp Road, W6 (081-741 2311), previews June 22-24, opens June 25.

Carousel heroine: Joanna Riding still heads the cast

CAROUSEL: The National's smash-hit version of the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical opens in the West End in September, with a New York opening already planned. Michael Hayden and Joanna Riding still head the cast.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399 Opens September 10. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm

LONDON SINFONIETTA: The Sinfonietta's Elektra Nonesuch recording of Henryk Górecki's Third Symphony, with soprano Dawn Upshaw and conductor David Zinman, brought considerable attention to the reclusive Polish composer and made him the first living classical composer to top the British classical charts and enter the pop charts. Next month the Sinfonietta reunites with soprano Dawn Upshaw to give two performances of the Third Symphony, to be attended by the composer. Paul Daniel will be conducting the all-Górecki programme which includes *Three Pieces in Old Style* and the Harpsichord Concerto (with Elisabeth Chojnacka as the soloist).
Barbican, London, EC2 (071-638 8891), June 7, 8.

ERIC CLAPTON: The guitarist announces two charity concerts in aid of the Chemical Dependency Centre Projects.
Birmingham, NEC (021-780 4133), October 1.
Sheffield, Arena, (0742 565656), October 3

FESTIVALS

HAY-ON-WYE: Second debate on the monarchy sponsored by *The Times* takes place today as part of the *Sunday Times* literary festival. Speakers include William Rees Mogg, Elizabeth Longford and Roy Hattersley. For details of how to book tickets, please ring 0497 821299.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18

RICASSO
(a) The part of the blade of a sword that is next to the hilt, from the Italian: "Only those swords with parallel-sided blades, ogival tips and deep rectangular ricassos have been included."

TAMIZDAT
(a) Russian writings which were published abroad and smuggled back into the USSR; also this system of publication; Russian from *tam* there + *izdat*, abbreviation of *izdat'el'stvo* publishing house: "It is thus a combination of samizdat and tamizdat (ie, both unofficial and émigré publications)."

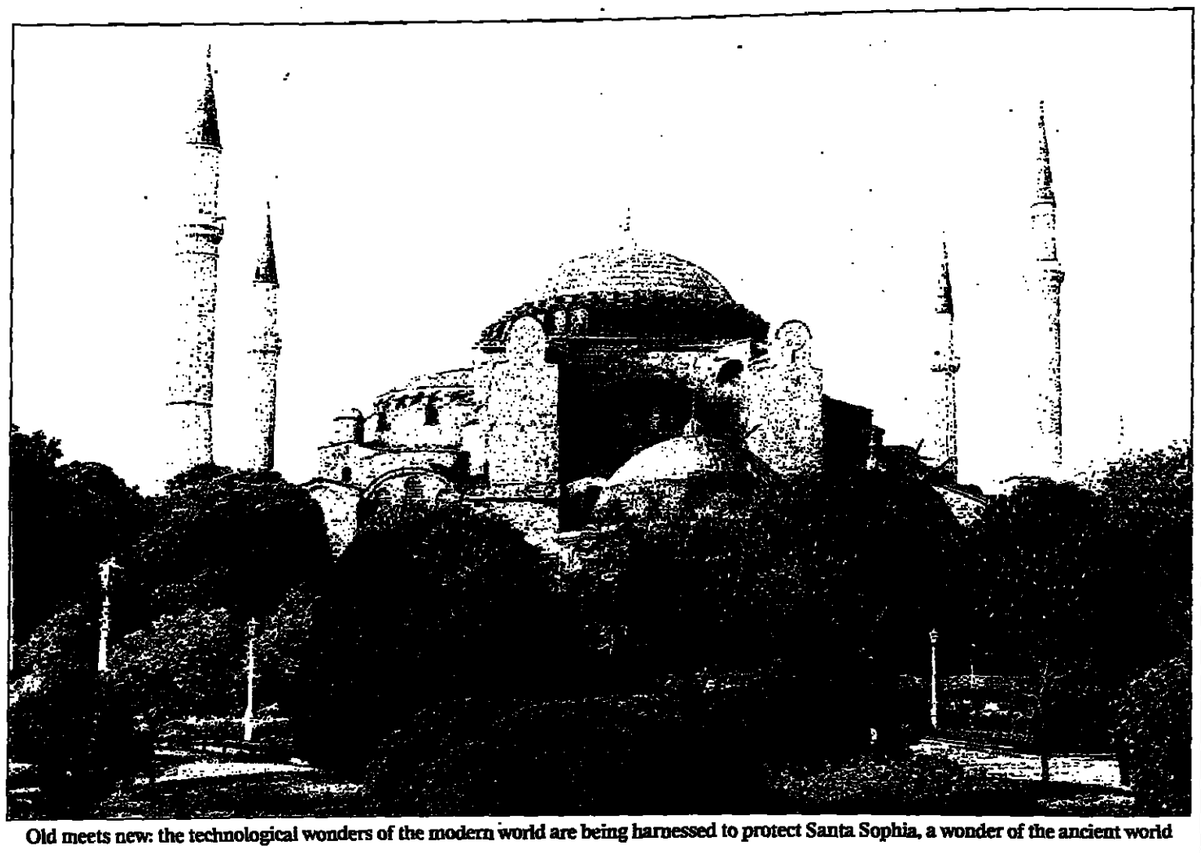
CANOPHILIST
(c) A lover of dogs, so *canophilia* affection for dogs, irregularly formed from the Latin *canis* a dog + the Greek *-phil* lover of: "A great comfort to those who devote themselves to canine pets, and to canophilists generally (a pretty new word)."

INFAUNA
(a) A collective term for animals that live just beneath the surface of the sea bed, adapted from the Danish *ifauna*: "The infauna, that is the animals living in the substrate, is either liberosessile, semisessile, or more or less motile."

Film: Geoff Brown; **Theatre:** Jeremy Kingston; **Classical Music and Opera:** Gwen Hughes; **Rock and Jazz:** Stephanie Osborne, **Dance:** Debra Craine; **Exhibitions:** John Russell Taylor; **New Videos:** Geoff Brown; **Bookings:** Kan Knight

Race to rescue ancient giant

Can the experts protect Santa Sophia before an earthquake brings it tumbling down, asks Marcus Binney



Old meets new: the technological wonders of the modern world are being harnessed to protect Santa Sophia, a wonder of the ancient world

The race is on to save Santa Sophia in Istanbul. A big earthquake is expected in the next ten years and it could devastate the 1,500-year-old church. "We have had a major earthquake every hundred years in Istanbul over the past two thousand years and the last one was in 1894," says Professor Mustafa Erdik, an earthquake engineering specialist at the University of the Bosphorus. The two most vulnerable locations, he says, are the church's east and west main arches, which have collapsed in previous earthquakes. "They could take half the dome with them."

Santa Sophia is, with the pyramids, the greatest surviving wonder of the ancient world. Indeed it could be claimed as the greatest space in all architecture. Built in just five years, between 532 and 537, for the Emperor Justinian, it remained the world's largest enclosed structure for 800 years. Designing the vast arches and vaults was a feat of stupendous daring on the part of the architects: the mathematician Anthemius and the geometrist Isidorus. "You could put Notre Dame on wheels and roll it in," Erdik says.

The present crisis has brought together an unprecedented gathering of Byzantine, Ottoman and engineering specialists whose studies have just been published by Cambridge University Press (*Hagia Sophia: From the Age of Justinian to the Present*, edited by Robert Mark and Ahmet Cakmak). Santa Sophia's central dome first collapsed in 558, following two big earthquakes in 553 and 557. According to a 9th century Byzantine chronicle, the new emperor Justin II called in one of the architects and interrogated him. The architect replied that the wooden scaffold used to construct the arches had been removed too soon, because Justinian was in a rush to decorate them with mosaics. Worse still, the workmen had thrown the timbers on to the floor shattering the foundations. In the restoration that followed, the scaffold was left in position for a whole year. When it was removed the church was filled with water, so the falling timbers did not shake the foundations.

The most obvious sign of Santa Sophia's predicament comes in the solid stone piers which support the arches. These tilt backwards at an alarming angle, but the evidence suggests that most of the tilt took place during construction. Nonetheless, collapses have continued at intervals. An earthquake in 989 caused the collapse of the western arch and a portion of the dome, while in 1346, following a series of earthquakes, the eastern arch and part of the dome collapsed.

Further damage followed an earthquake in 1450, three years before the Ottomans took the city. According to a 17th century Turkish traveller, an architect was sent to the Byzantine emperor by Sultan Mehmet II to repair the damage. The architect, Ali Neccar, returned saying: "I have secured the cupola of Aya Sofya, Oh Emperor, by four mighty buttresses; to repair it depended on me; to conquer it depends on thee."

The extraordinary reverence in which the Ottomans held Santa Sophia is one of the clues to its survival in so unaltered a state. Indeed, the alterations over the next four centuries were far fewer than in any equivalent Western cathedral. Even the name remained, though interpreted not as "Holy Wisdom" but as "Place of Worship for the Pious".

Mehmet II visited Santa Sophia directly on his formal entry into the conquered city, and showed his concern for its long-term well-being by dedicating all the income from the property that constituted his share of the vanquished city to its upkeep. Sultan Selim II consolidated the church's pre-eminence. After the conquest of Constantinople, all the Ottoman sultans had been buried next to mosques built in their own names. Selim chose Santa Sophia as the site of his mausoleum and forever changed its appearance by increasing the number of its minarets to four.

During renovation by Ahmed I, many of the mosaics disappeared under paint. Remarkably, these had remained exposed for nearly 150 years after the conquest. They were uncovered during restoration work in 1847-9.

Erdiem Yücel, the museum director, says: "We will shortly scaffold the interior to begin work on the mosaics." The mosaics are vulnerable in even a small earthquake.

What is the solution? Part of the problem is that much of the structure can only be guessed at, and it is unlikely that a complete set of core samples can be taken to provide data on materials and their condition. The task is further complicated by the numerous repairs and extensive buttressing. "Some buttresses may simply be leaning on the building and if not needed could be taken away," says Erdik.

Numerous iron rods were used to strengthen arches from the beginning. The minarets added by the Ottomans were still more strongly reinforced. "The architect Sinan, who built two in the 16th century, bored holes through two or three stones at a time and poured in molten lead to bolt them together," Erdik says.

Erdik's preliminary recommendation for a solution to the earthquake threat is simple: "A form of stainless steel tensioning rods for the vulnerable east and west arches." But this will not be done until all the experts involved agree on a course of action. Urgent studies of potential earthquake impact are being carried out in American and Japanese universities as well as Turkish ones. The big question is, will a solution be agreed and implemented before the next major earthquake strikes?

Angels fly in from island in the sun

Jeremy Kingston on a West End show with backing from the South Seas

A new musical opens next Thursday. *Leonardo — A Portrait of Love*. As its audience leaf through the programme, glancing at the expected photos of the cast, they will turn over page 27 and find an unexpected photo: of a coral island. The show is not *South Pacific*, after all, nor is the page a travel advert, though the blurb tells us that Nauru (*eight square miles in area*) lies midway between Australia and Hawaii and is valued for its deposits of guano, the excrement of generations of birds. So what is palm-fringed Nauru doing in a West End programme?

The answer is: its inhabitants are backing the show.

The knee-jerk image is of smiling islanders, probably wearing flowers, pressing bags of cowrie shells into the hands of a trader with links to Shaftesbury Avenue. There are precedents, after all. Not so long ago an entire *English village pooled its savings* to back the musical *Bernadette* — and *lost the lot*.

The grandly named Duke Minks, the Birkenhead-born producer (his father named all his sons after footballers) would of course prefer attention to be focused on the merits of his show. Fair enough. But in the meantime what drew the inhabitants of an equatorial isle, where the frigatebird soars (though in diminishing numbers) above the *tomano tree (also in* retreat) to invest in a musical treatment of Leonardo de Vinci's love for the inscrutable Mona Lisa and, perhaps also, for his devoted assistant Melzi?

Guano is the answer. For most of the 20th century this natural fertiliser has been mined and shipped to Australia and New Zealand, turning four-fifths of the island's terrain into a barren lunar landscape, and confining the population to the coastal fringe. Compensation is being sought by the Nauru government, which since independence (in 1968) has had greater say in processing the resource. The island now has the second biggest *per capita* income in the world, and over $1 billion invested in property and other income-earning enterprises. Now is the time, Minks implies, to indulge in a little gamble. If the investment pays off — great. If not, well, that's showbiz.

Minks is the link between Leonardo and the South Seas. He is impressively relaxed for a man with a major musical about to give its first public performance. "Back in the sixties I was road manager for Tommy Moeller's group Unit 4+2. You may remember 'Concrete and Clay' which got to No 1? He was working at the Stock Exchange, and the story goes that he wrote the song one lunch hour. Well, that's not strictly the case, but it was a great success. We each moved to Australia and kept up with one another. He's one of the three composers on the show."

The other two composers have, it transpires, no less formidable a pedigree in pop music. "There's his younger brother Greg, who backed Whistling Jack Smith with 'I Was Kaiser Bill's Batman', and Russell Dunlop, who wrote 'Space Invaders'. Both those went to No 1 as well.

"So about two years ago Tom*my told me they* were working on a musical about the life of Leonardo, *and from that moment* the four of us have been concentrating on it. Rob Bettinson is our director — he directed *Buddy!* — and Michael Pavelka has designed sets that are really clever blow-ups of parts of Leonardo's paintings. The audience can play 'spot the masterpiece'."

The connection with Nauru began in the seventies. "I used to work for Citibank advising on investments for the Australian, New Zealand and various South Pacific governments. That's how I came across Nauru. Last year I flew to Britain with the concept tape and script to talk to people, and we had a social evening with Kelly Emiu, the special advisor to the president of Nauru. We happened to be listening to the demo tape. Kelly was intrigued, so I told him we were planning a West End show, gave him the financial feasibilities, and he said, 'Let me take this back to the island'. He presented it to the island's cabinet, and they decided to invest."

So that's how a coral island 25 miles south of the equator is backing a West End musical about Leonardo. Couldn't be simpler, really.

ALAN WELLER

Duke Minks: the link to the island

● *Leonardo opens at the Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800) on Thursday*

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DONALD COOPER

Clare Higgins: a statuesque Cleopatra

A love that lacks warmth

Antony and Cleopatra
Barbican

THE Queen of Egypt has benefited from a wig-rethink since she showed her bizarre collection at Stratford last autumn. Clare Higgins contents herself with the familiar model, Elizabeth Taylor style, until her closing scene when she hauls it off and turns instantly from icon to suffering woman. John Caird's production also omits the absurd apotheosis of the two lovers after their deaths, united above the sands like the posters for a Dietrich/Boyer romance. In its place, we see the pair lying in golden state on the monument, just as Caesar ordered. They need to be seen dead, all passion finally spent.

Like Antony, man of contrasts, Caird's production is a mixture of the successful and the not. Visually, the play is lovely — Caird was always able to fill a stage — with Sue Blane's towers of masonry sliding towards the wings for the open Egyptian frolics, coming together and interlocking for the Roman scenes, where the tenuous political alliances keep falling apart. When an outraged Caesar describes the sumptuous coronation in Alexandria, we are shown a tableau in the background, as glittering and sunlit as an Alma-Tadema. The most imaginative stroke of all is the first sight of Pompey (Toby Stephens) in a storm at sea, standing in the prow of a ship that is nothing but a rippling cloth, while a sailor pulls on a bulging sail.

The evening is often unexpectedly funny, but the sexuality sometimes has to be taken for granted, because we know it is supposed to be there. Cleopatra's court exudes a sensuous air: a pretty youth moistens his lips, maidens twine their arms around each other and loll; Higgins herself lolls and her off-the-shoulder gown almost becomes off-the-breast. She and Richard Johnson's Antony kiss, hug and roll around the floor, but until defeat knocks pretences out of them, there is something perfunctory in these displays of affection. Flesh and blood reality falls short of the soaring, fantastical words.

Johnson is a grizzled bear of a man, gruff but often hunched in gait, already blasted, yet his voice modulates to a gentle, almost sweet nobility when he orders Enobarbus's gold to be sent after him. John Nettles is more affable than the usual run of Octavius Caesars, even giving an uncalculated jump for joy when he and Antony patch up their quarrel. The Cleopatra that Higgins gives us is always calculating, so that, while she looks every inch the artful queen, the natural impulses of love are not in evidence. The closing scenes triumph over this lack, but hitherto the mood has been statuesque, even chilling.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Nothing like Coward's world

Pain of Youth
Grace at the Latchmere

THE BELATED British discovery of the German language theatre continues with Ferdinand Bruckner on the stage above the Latchmere pub in Battersea. The young people in the lodging house depicted in Sion Taylor's production, the post-Great War generation, play games of sex and power, a world away from their contemporaries in Coward's *The Young Idea*, but closer to the underlying abrasiveness of Miles Malleson's *The Fanatics*.

The general flavour is of Schnitzler's amorous manoeuvres addled and soured, shrugging lightheartedness replaced by grim satanism. The dominating Marie and her spineless mother are broken up by pushy parvenu Irene. Marie finds lesbian solace with Desiree, a renegade aristocrat hungry for every sort of experience. Meanwhile, the sinister Mr Freder uses a near hypnotic influence to turn the naive maid servant, Lucy, into a prostitute — for the pleasure of exercising power over another.

Daphne Moore's translation, despite occasional stilted incongruities, conveys the tough, dense texture of good meaty dialogue. Bruckner excels at showing characters rudderless, disorientated, almost turgidly self-obsessed. He is less adept at carrying through a plot-line.

The tilted furniture and distorted perspective of the set, designed by the director and Mark Pratt, edges us into Expressionism, just as passages when the loyal Marie suffers at Desiree's longing to become a prostitute recall Wedekind's Lulu and Countess Geschwitz. Definitely one for collectors.

MARTIN HOYLE

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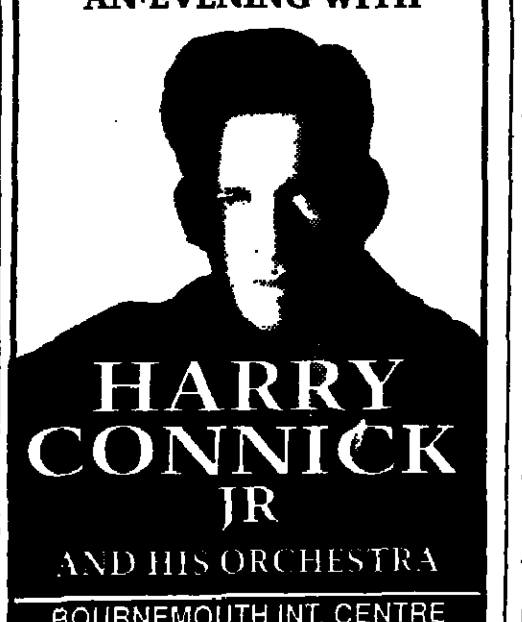

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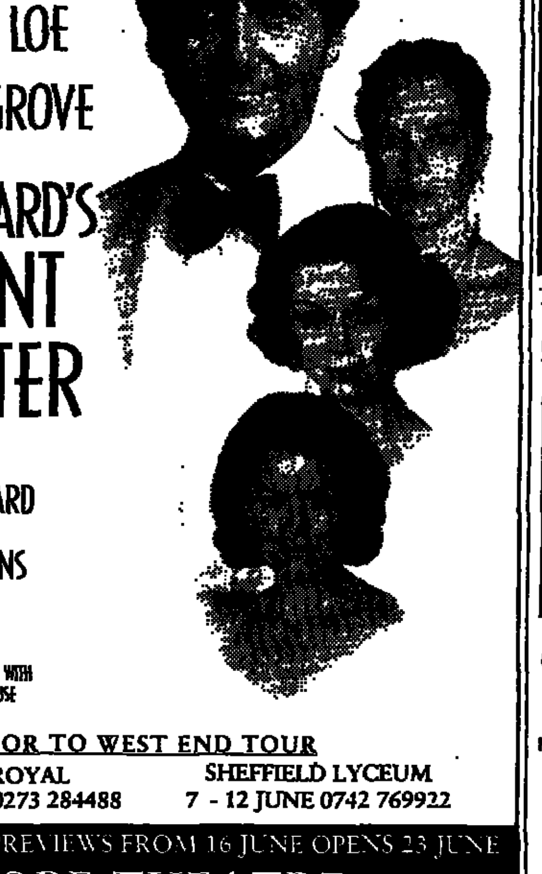

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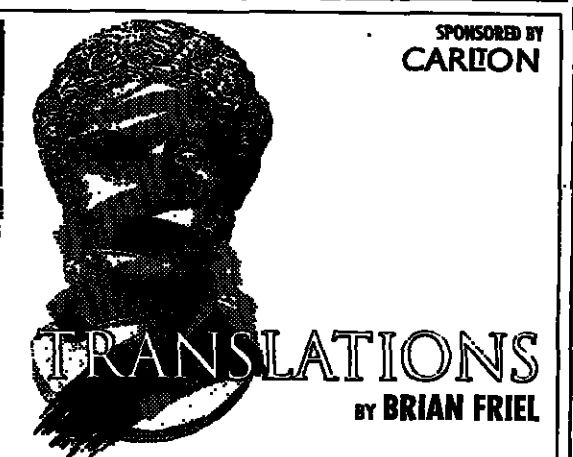

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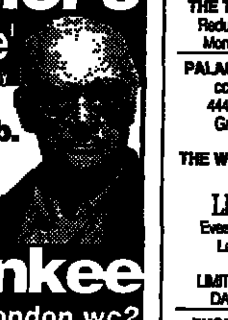

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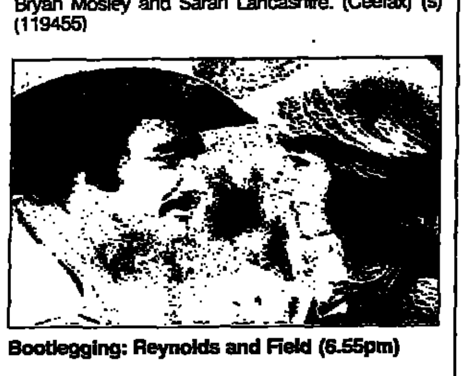
BBC1

7.00 Ceefax (5781504)
7.25 News and weather (1967829)
7.30 Pinocchio (r) (5018252) **7.50 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (5005788) **8.10 The Girl from Tomorrow**. Episode six of the 12-part science fiction drama about a time traveller (r). (Ceefax) (1798184) **8.35 Potsworth & Co** (6204610)
9.00 Parallel 9 presented by *Home and Away* star Richard Norton. *The guests include Patrick Moore* and actress Julia Sawalha (12626165) **10.55 Cartoon** (6425252)
11.00 Film: Heidi's Song (1982). An animated and musical version of Johanna Spyri's classic tale of a young girl living with her morose grandfather in the Swiss alps. With the voices of Lorne Green, Sammy Davis Jr and Margery Gray. Directed by Robert Taylor (97788) **12.27 Weather** (8593558)
12.30 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up *is (subject to alteration): 12.35 and 4.40 Football*: a preview and highlights of the Tennents Scottish Cup final between Rangers and Aberdeen from Celtic Park; **1.00** News; **1.05** and **2.35** Water-skiing: the Carlsberg European Masters from Kirtons Resort Country Club near Reading; **1.30** and **2.05** Badminton: the World Championship Team Event from Birmingham; **1.55, 2.25,** and **2.55** Racing from Haydock Park; **3.05** Golf: second round action from Volvo PGA championship at Wentworth; **5.00** Final *Score*
5.05 News with Chris Lowe. Weather (5143691)
5.15 Regional News and sport (8973558)
5.20 The Queen and I. The first of five short programmes of photographs, portraits and other images of the Queen, accompanied by comments from her subjects. (Ceefax) (s) (8890271)
5.25 Disney Time. *Sarah Greene introduces a selection* of clips from Disney classics (Ceefax) (3299946)
6.05 The Main Event. Frenetic quiz game show presented by Chris Tarrant. This week the Crompton family enjoy *the help* of Floella Benjamin, Andy Crane and Anthea Turner, while the Matters' are joined by *Coronation Street* stars Amanda Barrie, Bryan Mosley and Sarah Lancashire. (Ceefax) (s) (119455)



Bootlegging: Reynolds and Field (6.55pm)

6.55 Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977). The first and far the best of the series of comedy chase movies starring Burt Reynolds as a bootlegger seemingly *always one gear in front of Jackie Gleason, the* frustrated sheriff. With Sally Field, directed by former stuntman Hal Needham. (Ceefax) (93217523)
8.30 Birds of a Feather. Sharon feels deserted when Tracey and an old schoolfriend reminisce non-stop about their old adventures. Starring Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1784)
9.00 Westbeach. *Drama serial about two south coast* business rival families. (Ceefax) (s) (357184)
9.50 News with Chris Lowe. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (822707)
10.10 The Queen and I. A repeat of the programme shown at 5.20. (Ceefax) (s) (581233)
10.15 That's Life! Consumer affairs. (Ceefax) (s) (654146)
10.55 Film: The Gladiator (1986) starring Ken Wahl and Robert Culp. Vigilante vengeance drama about the brother of a young boy killed by a marauding hit-and-run driver who has been terrorising Los Angeles. Directed by Abel Ferrara (s) (72939349)
12.30am Weather (3159498)

BBC2

7.05 Open University: Maths — Catastrophe Theory (5788417) **7.30** The Sale of Awacs to Saudi Arabia (9222504) **7.55** Images: the Third Dimension (5019981) **8.20** Biology: the Breath of Life (1785610) **8.45** Arts Foundation Course: Victorian Ways of Death (6208436) **9.10** Ecology: Ancient Woodland (1112184) **9.35** Energy and Rockets (2891788) **10.00** Scenes from Marlowe's *Dr Faustus* (part two) (4729271) **10.25** Computing: On the Right Track (5830233) **10.50** Women's Studies: the Body Social (8692405) **11.15** Information Technology: What's in Store? (5042928) **11.40** The Developing World: Out of Development? (2565097) **12.05** Exams: a Curious Kind of Ritual (8173720) **12.30** Race and Education: Empires of the Mind (1337726) **12.55** Modern Art: Mondrian **1.20** Technology: a Matter of Resource (5521894) **2.10** A Level Playing Field? (49845707) **2.35** Psychology: Personnel Selection (5548981)
3.00 Film: The Music Box (1932, b/w) starring Laurel and Hardy. An Oscar-winning short directed by James Parrott (1610)
3.30 Film: A Queen Is Crowned (1953). A film record of the Queen's coronation, 40 years ago on Wednesday, narrated by Laurence Olivier. (Ceefax) (2141639)
4.50 The Chelsea Flower Show. The second of two programmes from the country's premier horticultural event. (Ceefax) (4775271)
5.35 Late Again. Highlights from the week's editions of *The Late Show* (s) (856349)
6.20 Scrutiny. Huw Edwards talks to the Leader of the Commons, Tony Newton (Ceefax) (136146)
6.50 News with Chris Lowe. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (376962)
7.05 Singers and Swingers. An archive film of a 1960s show starring Lulu. Her guests include the Everly Brothers and Les Dawson (r) (881504)
7.30 Fight Again. The final programme of Roy *Hattersley's series on the Labour party. To discuss* his themes of the first two programmes he is joined by Professor J.K. Galbraith, Tony Blair and Patricia Hewitt (691)

Party talk: Roy Hattersley on Labour (7.30pm)

8.00 Seven Faces of Everest. (Ceefax) See Choice (4192455)
9.10 Have I Got News For You (r). (s) (674962)
9.40 The Second Heimat: A New Generation (colour and b/w). Episode seven of Edgar Reitz's 13-part epic and it is Christmas 1963 (s) (853610)
11.30 Olly's Prison. The second of Edward Bond's three-*part drama for the Crime and Punishment season*, starring Bernard Hill. Mike is sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of his daughter, a crime he cannot remember committing, and tries to come to terms with his situation. (Ceefax) (s) (680691)
12.35am Film: Twelve Angry Men (1957, b/w). See Choice (780914). Ends at **2.10**

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CHOICE

Seven Faces of Everest
BBC2, 8.00pm

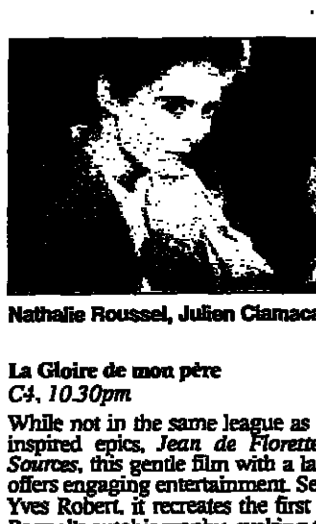
On the 40th anniversary of Britain's Everest-conquering expedition, this balanced documentary considers seven aspects of the peak's significance. Sections entitled "Hope", "Faith", "Science", "Progress", "Nationalism", "Love" and "Loss" indicate the way in which the mountain has come to mean radically different things *to different people*. "Loss" is a particularly affecting item including an interview with Maria Coffey, girlfriend of mountaineer Joe Tasker, who died on Everest. "Faith" is the most bizarre section, recalling 1930s climber, Maurice Wilson. The Yorkshireman set out to prove that belief in God was all you needed to reach the summit. Sadly, God chose to prove him wrong.

Twelve Angry Men
BBC2, 12.35am

The intriguing *Crime and Punishment* season continues with Sidney Lumet's masterly courtroom drama. Refreshingly, the film *is not about devilishly* clever barristers cross-questioning distraught witnesses. Instead it is set behind the scenes in the *claustrophobic room* where a jury adjourns to consider its verdict. A teenage boy stands accused of murdering his father and for all but one of the jury, he seems to be guilty. The dissenter, Henry Fonda, believes there is "reasonable doubt". As the tension mounts, Fonda sets about convincing his fellow jurors. Tightly directed and with excellent camerawork from Boris Kaufman, *Lumet's debut feature remains one of his best.*

Best of Cutting Edge: Just Some Stories for Eleanor
C4, 8.00pm

This moving documentary is part of a welcome series of *Cutting Edge* repeats. Stephen Pegg, who has died since the film was first shown in 1990, was a victim of motor neurone disease, losing the use of his limbs and voice after just a few years. At first depression set in, but as he found himself thinking more and more about things — "my past life has been showing in slow motion at the screen on the dream" — an idea evolved which changed the quality of his existence. Using a word processor operated by a pointer attached to his head, *he began to write to his young daughter*, penning his "stories for Eleanor". Such was his writing talent that they became much more than that, leaving us with a fascinating testament to his courage.



Nathalie Roussel, Julien Ciamaca (Ch 4, 10.30pm)

La Gloire de mon père
C4, 10.30pm

While not in the same league as those other Pagnol-inspired epics, *Jean de Florette* and *Manon des Sources*, this gentle film with a largely unknown cast offers engaging entertainment. Sensitively directed by Yves Robert, it recreates the first volume of Maurice Pagnol's autobiography, evoking the author's halcyon days on holiday in Provence as a child. Not much happens. We meet the boy (Julien Ciamaca), his slightly stuffy schoolteacher father, his pretty mother (Nathalie Roussel), his brother and sister, and his friend, a ragged country boy. Sentimental? Maybe, but the sequel, *Le Château de ma Mère*, to be shown next week, puts the childhood joys in context, revealing the adult sorrows to come. **Stephanie Billen**

LONDON

6.00 GMTV including, at **7.45, Saturday Disney** in which Pippa Ford-Jones and Stuart Miles visit Discovery Island at Florida's Disney World (6556900)
9.25 Gimme 5. Young people's entertainment magazine presented by Lewis MacLeod and Jenny Powell. The guests include Jason Riddington from the cast of *Casualty* and comedian Brian Conley (61026078)
11.30 ITV Chart Show. The *Video Vault* features Howard Jones with his 1983 hit "New Song" (s) (61726)
12.30 Movies, Movies, Movies. Film reviews (94900)
1.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (77743233) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (77742504)
1.10 Rugby: The Lions Tour. Highlights of the British Lions's third game of their tour, against the New Zealand Maoris in Wellington, and of the midweek game against North Harbour in Auckland (8632558)
2.10 Wanted: Dead or Alive. Vintage western adventures starring Steve McQueen (2015225)
3.00 Cartoon Time (6909707)
3.15 Film: The Conquest of Everest (1953). A documentary account of the first successful ascent of Everest, by Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing, 40 years ago today (879392)
4.45 ITN News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (8423726) **5.00 London Today** (Teletext) and sport (8872875)
5.05 MacGyver. American adventure series starring Richard Dean Anderson. (Teletext) (6540418)
5.45 Stars in Their Eyes. Matthew Kelly introduces another selection of would-be showbiz stars. (Teletext) (s) (726146)
6.15 The Brian Conley Show. Comedy, with regular guests Fern Britton and John Sachs (s) (741455)

Cameraman and captain: Steve Bruce (6.45pm)

6.45 United: You've Been Framed! Jeremy Beadle introduces a behind-the-scenes look at Premier League champions, Manchester United, made by the team captain Steve Bruce with his home video camera (740726)
7.15 The Match. *Ian St John introduces live coverage of* England's World Cup group two qualifier against Poland in Chorzow. The commentators are Brian Moore and Ron Atkinson (94962726)
9.30 The Bill: We Gave Him All Our Love. Sgt Cryer and WPC Page have the task of informing doting parents that the body of their 15-year-old son has been washed up on a riverbank. (Teletext) (81436)
10.00 ITN News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (615639)
10.20 Film: The Color of Money (1986) starring Paul Newman, in an Oscar-winning role, and Tom Cruise. Sharply made sequel to *The Hustler* in which "Fast" Eddie takes a young man under his wing and promotes him for a shot at the big time. But first Eddie has to instil in him a mean streak before they can make money. Directed by Martin Scorsese. (Teletext) (50375788)
12.30 The Good Sex Guide (r). (Teletext) (44769)
1.00 The 291 Club. Comedy and music from London's Hackney Empire (s) (79653)
2.00 The Big E. Magazine series for young Europeans (s) (46547) **3.00 Basketball** (47837)
4.00 Coach. American comedy series about a college football coach (11127)
4.30 BPM. News and sounds from the dance music scene (s) (86214)
5.30 ITN Morning News (66479). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (r) (s) (8377233) **6.25 Spiff and Hercules**. Cat and dog cartoon (9263165) **6.35 Alfred J. Kwak**. Adventures of a musical duck (9219691) **7.00 Paddington** (1868504) **7.05 Kid 'n' Play** (r) (3162146) **7.35 King Arthur and the Knights of Justice**. Cartoon adventures (9249271) **8.00 Betty's Bunch**. Episode six of the 13-part New Zealand children's drama (r) (48233)
8.30 World Tennis (47504)
9.00 News summary (7677610) **9.15 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line** (7125961) **10.00 Trans World Sport** (61233) **11.00 Gazetta Football Italia**. A preview of the weekend's football in Italy including AC Milan v Brescia, to be shown live tomorrow on this channel at 3.15 (81097)
12.00 Sign On. Magazine series for the hearing impaired (41320)
12.30 Kasak. Episode five of the 26-part drama from Pakistan. In Urdu with English subtitles (92542)
1.00 Film: Madame Bovary (1949, b/w) *starring Jennifer* Jones and James Mason. A lavish dramatisation of Gustave Flaubert's novel about the bored wife of a rural doctor who begins a succession of affairs to compensate for the coldness of her husband. Justifiably remembered for the spectacular ballroom sequence. Directed by Vincente Minnelli (40756207)
3.05 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 3.10, 3.40, 4.10 and 4.40 races (27592368)
5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (s) (Teletext)
6.30 Right To Reply presented by Sheena McDonald. BBC and ITN news editors *are taken to task for their* coverage of the Bosnian conflict; and dog lovers are upset with the BBC over their *Public Eye programme Dog Wars*
7.00 A Week In Politics. The last programme of the series looks at the implications of the ministerial reshuffle, the government's climb-down over integrated rail cards and their seeming lack of coherence towards the tourism industry (73078). Followed by **Weather**

Testament to courage: the Peggs (8.00pm)

8.00 Best of Cutting Edge: Just Some Stories for Eleanor (r). (Teletext) See Choice
9.00 The Beiderbecke Connection. Episode one of the four-part follow-up to Alan Plater's *The Beiderbecke Affair* and *Tapes*. Starring James Bolam and Barbara Flynn (r). (Teletext) (6252)
10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. A welcome repeat of the last *series of the topical television newsroom* comedy (s) (59349)
10.30 Film: La Gloire de mon père (1990) (s) See Choice (98548788)
12.35am Evening Shade. American comedy series about a small town school's football coach, starring Burt Reynolds (r) (s) (3542856)
1.05 **Poor Man's Orange**. *Episode one of the four-part* sequel to the Irish/Australian drama *Harp in the South* (r) (1632721). Ends at **2.00**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Car 54 Where are You? (12833) **6.30** Rin Tin Tin (89542) **7.00** Fun Factory (3159165) **12.00** Wrestling Superstars (17829) **1.00pm** Rich Man, Poor Man (20349) **2.00** Bewitched (8833) **2.30** The Facts of Life (6813) **3.00** Cartoons (33349) **4.00** The Dukes of Hazzard (45184) **5.00** Wrestling Superstars (3610) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (33813) **7.00** Class of '96 (54320) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (70368) **9.00** Cops I (41368) **9.30** Cops II (18558) **10.00** Wrestling Superstars (53691) **11.00** Entertainment Tonight (11252) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (12815) **6.30** News and Business Report (435900) **9.30** Nightline (12320) **10.00** Daytine (88436) **10.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (81962) **11.00** *Daytine* (29146) **11.30** *Getaway* (81558) **12.30pm** Fashion TV (78894) **1.30** The Reporters (77523) **2.30** Nightline (66504) **3.30** Those Were The Days (24676) **4.30** *Getaway* (4691) **5.00** *Live at Five* (82962) **6.30** Fashion TV (74523) **7.30** The Reporters (5320) **8.00** News Hour (67504) **9.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (82287) **10.30** The Reporters (20271) **11.30** Fashion TV (90542) **12.30** Getaway (26585) **1.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (62160) **2.30** Fashion TV (95128) **3.30** Target (50063) **4.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (91160) **5.30** The Reporters (18063)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am **Showcase** (57813)
8.00 Oh God! Book II (1980): George Burns plays the Supreme Being (72675)
10.00 Hour of the Gun (1967): James Garner plays lawman Wyatt Earp (29610)
12.00 Treasure Island (1974): Animated Robert Louis Stevenson story (95726)
2.00 Tell Me No Lies (1991): A widower finds he cannot keep his stepson (77271)
4.00 Rock-A-Doodle (1991): A cockerel moves to the big city in Don Bluth's *animation* (8542)
6.00 Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid (1981): Steve Martin plays a private eye (64707)
8.00 Repossessed (1990): A suburban housewife is possessed by the devil (69252)
10.00 Boyz 'N The Hood (1991): Three black friends face the reality of their environment (532981)
11.55 Emmanuelle (1974): Sylvia Kristel becomes involved with an older man (432962)
1.30 Blind Fury (1989): Comedy adventure about a blind action man, Rutger Hauer (8786059)
2.55 Patti Rocks (1988): Road movie about two buddies (60036672)
4.25 The Forgotten One (1990): Ghost story with Kristy McNichol (469160). Ends at **6.00am**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm **Casino Royale** (1967): James Bond spoof starring Peter Sellers, Ursula Andress, David Niven and Woody Allen (64334829)
6.10 The Prince and the Showgirl (1957): Laurence Olivier in Rattigan's play. Co-starring Marilyn Monroe (78297349)
8.10 Kiss Me Deadly (1955): *Film noir* thriller from director Robert Aldrich (79175558)
10.00 Airplane 2: The Sequel (1982): A space shuttle goes out of control (93455). Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Hell's Island (1955). Mystery set in the Caribbean (55455)
8.00 Snow White and the Seven Dwarves (1987) Live action version (70417)
10.00 Beauty and the Beast (1963): Joyce Taylor plays the princess (27252)
12.00 Shadow of a Doubt (1991): Remake of the Hitchcock thriller (93368)
2.00pm A Reason for Living: The Jill Ireland Story (1991): Biopic about the actress and her drug-addicted son (75813)
4.00 After the Shock (1990) Docudrama about the San Francisco earthquake (6184)
6.00 Problem Child (1990): Comedy about a mischievous boy (62349)
8.00 The Commitments (1991): Alan Parker's film about a rock and roll band (67894)
10.00 Flatliners (1990): Supernatural chiller with Kiefer Sutherland and Julia Roberts as medical students dicing with death (530523)
11.55 A Rage in Harlem (1991). Comedy thriller about a hood and his mistress. With Forest Whitaker, Gregory Hines and Robin Givens (933981)
1.50am Cast a Deadly Spell (1992): 1940s private eye movie (611214)
3.25 The Damned (1969): Visconti's account of the rise of Nazism (82447194)

SKY SPORTS

6.30am US PGA Golf (371558) **9.00** European League Round-Up (38283) **10.00** *F1 Grand Prix* (69813) *11.00 Dragboat* Racing (56349) **12.00** Race for Heroes (71184) **12.30pm** World Sports Special (99078) **1.00** Sports Saturday (4337726) **6.00** Best of British Motorsport (32177) **7.00** Horse Racing (44558) **9.00** US PGA Golf (15455) **11.00** Watersports World (60542) **12.00** Ringside (37566) **2.00-2.30am** Fishing The West (18653)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (85097) **8.00** *Motorsport Report* (22558) **9.00** Motorcycling Moto Magazine (53788) **9.30** NBA American Basketball Action (86558) **10.00** Tennis French Open (6651726) **7.00** PGA Championship (86726) **9.00** Tennis: French Open (10900) **10.00** Boxing (93287) **11.00-1.00am** Ice Hockey (17287)

UK GOLD

7.00pm Michael Bentine's Potty Time (7520207) **7.30** Owl TV (8075392) **8.00** Lassie (8530349) **8.30** Dog House (8522320) **9.00** Jem (8546900) **9.30** The Raccoons (2427349) **10.00** Defenders of the Earth (1067523) **10.30** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (8542184) **11.00** The Time Machine (84328320) **12.50** Ask a Policeman (61941523) **2.15** Bless This House (4205417) **2.45** EastEnders Omnibus (20029436) **5.30** The Chronicles of Narnia (4092146) **6.00** Driving Ambition (2439184) **7.00** Bless This House (4636165) **7.30** Streets Apart (4002523) **8.00** Bergerac (4341981) **9.00** Who Pays the Ferryman? (4338417) **10.00** Miracles (1985) A couple are reunited (5009287) **11.30** Naked Video (1063707) **12.00** Mornin' Sarge (5989479) **12.30-1.30am** In Concert (9177653)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (58436) **7.00** Storybreak (23610) **7.30** The Greatest Tune on Earth (19417) **8.00** Cartoon Classics (92691) **8.30** RatKan II (615184) **11.30** Cartoon Classics (11165) **12.00** Marvel Hour (32707) **1.00** Pugwall's Summer (41455) **2.00** 3-2-1 Contact (2165) **2.30** The Barkleys (3184) **3.00** You Can't Do That On Television (4900) **3.30** Round The Twist (8829) **4.00** Electric Stringvest (99908) **5.00** Phoenix Hall (3417) **5.30** Fifteen (7900) **6.00-7.00pm** Fame (21691)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: **2.30-3.15** Wrestling (3785504) **5.00** Anglia News (8872875) **5.05-5.45** The Wind in the Willows. Animation, with the voice of Basil Rathbone (6540418) **1.05** Kojak (1641479) **2.00** Hollywood Report (97547) **2.30** BPM (24450) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (36295) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (86214)

BORDER

As London except: **2.30** Spanish Goals Extra (5552184) **2.50** Blood, Sweat and Tears (1970405) **3.50** Cartoon (4426691) **3.55-4.45** Wrestling (3543875) **5.00-5.05** Border News (88726) **1.05** Kojak: Lady in the Squad Room (1641479) **2.00** Hollywood Report (97547) **2.30** BPM (24450) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (36295) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (86214)

CENTRAL

As London except: **2.30** IndyCar 93 (252) **3.00** Cartoon Time (3438558) **3.05** The A-Team (6317288) **4.00-4.45** Wrestling (5320894) **5.00-5.05** Central News (8872875) **1.00** Film: Listen to Your Heart (394634) **2.55** Shannon's Deal (5922978) **3.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (37143837) **4.20** America's Top Ten (72905382) **4.50** Jobfinder (13821566) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6105837)

GRANADA

As London except: *2.10 Spanish Goals* Extra (8418707) **2.50** Blood, Sweat and Tears (1970405) **3.50** Cartoon (4426691) **3.55-4.45** Wrestling (3543875) **5.00** Granada News (8872875) **5.05-5.45** Baywatch (6540418) **1.05** Kojak (1641479) **2.00** Hollywood Report (97547) **2.30** BPM (24450) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (36295) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (86214)

HTV WEST

As London except: **2.30** IndyCar 93 (252) **3.00-4.45** Film: Palooka (54011417) **5.00-5.05** HTV West News (8872875) **1.05** Kojak (1641479) **2.00** Hollywood Report (97547) **2.30** BPM (24450) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (36295) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (86214)

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: **3.00** Stunmasters **3.45-4.45** Celtic Challenge

MERIDIAN

As London except: **12.30-1.00** The Munsters Today (94900) **2.30-3.00** IndyCar '93 (252) **5.00-5.05** Meridian News (8872875) **1.00** The Big E (1642108) **1.55** Film: Nasty Hero (202671) **3.30-4.30** Basketball (36295)

TYNE TEES

As London except: **2.30-4.45** *Film: North* To Alaska (74930875) **5.00-5.05** Tyne Tees Saturday (8872875) **1.00** Film: Head On (932059) **2.35** BPM (9126634) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (6584585) **4.35-5.30** Cue *the Music* (9222295)

ULSTER

As London except: **2.30** IndyCar 93 (5552184) **2.50** Blood, Sweat and Tears (2856981) **4.00-4.45** Wrestling (5320894) **5.00-5.05** UTV Live (8872875) **1.05** Kojak (1641479) **2.00** Hollywood Report (97547) **2.30** BPM (24450) **3.30** The Little Picture Show (36295) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (86214)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: **2.30** Disney's Greatest Villains (2807981) **3.20** Baywatch (1562469) **4.15-4.45** IndyCar 93 (721691) **5.00-5.05** Westcountry Weekend (8872875) **1.05** Kojak (1641479) **2.00** Hollywood Report (97547) **2.30** BPM *(24450)* *3.30 The Little Picture* Show (36295) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (86214)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: **2.30-4.45** Film: North to Alaska (John Wayne, Stewart Granger, Ernie Kovacs) (74930875) **5.00-5.05** Calendar News (8872875) **1.00** Film: Head On (932059) **2.35** BPM (9126634) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (6584585) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (9222295)

S4C

Starts: **7.00** Paddington (1868504) **7.05** Kid 'n' Play (3162146) **7.35** King Arthur and the Knights of Justice (9249271) **8.00** Betty's Bunch (48233) **8.00** World Tennis (42320) **9.00** News (7677610) **9.15** Racing: The *Morning Line* (7125961) *10.00 Trans World* Sport (61233) **11.00** Gazzetta Football Italia — With Paul Gascoigne (81097) **12.00** Sign on at Leisure (41320) **12.30** The Wonder Years (92542) **1.00** Film: Madame Bovary (40756207) **3.05** Channel 4 Racing (27592368) **5.05** Brookside (7075928) **6.30** Magic Roundabout (910455) **6.35** Now You're Talking (405813) **7.00** Newyddion (893349) **7.20** Hwyl Y Noson Lawen (286900) **7.50** Yn Dy Ddwble (149165) **8.20** Talth Y Llewod '93 (497691) **9.00** Short Stories (1078) **9.30** Europe Express (89078) **10.00** Drop the Dead Donkey (59349) **10.30** Film: La Gloire de mon père (15813) **12.30** Tribute to Ricky Nelson (9700566) **1.25** Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: **9.35** Children's Programmes **12.30** News (92424078) **12.34** Sports Stadium (35143788) **6.00** The Cosby Show (65175961) **6.30** Seachtain (42625702) **6.55** News (52690691) **7.00** Cartoon Time (76401813) **7.05** No Survivors in Burke Street (69771788) **8.00** News (46111748) **8.03** Lotto Draw (46111748) **8.05** Bank of Ireland RTE Proms (14658813) **8.55** Interval (72005894) **9.20** Bank of Ireland RTE Proms (63524726) **10.10** Little Jerusalem (13533417) **10.30** States of Mind (94937368) **10.50** Film: I Want To Be Sweden's Rembrandt Or Die! (72459875) **12.20** Close

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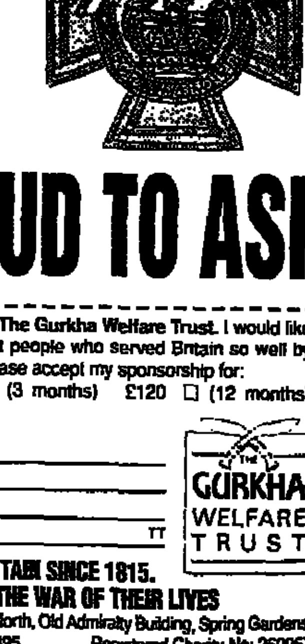

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James **7.00** Gary Davies with The Weekend Breakfast Show **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** Listen *to the Banned* **3.00** *Peace Together Concert live from The Kings Hall, Belfast* **10.30** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Charles Nove **6.00** Barbara Sturgeon: The Saturday Show **8.05** Brian Matthew: *Sounds of the sixties* **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00pm** Hayes on Saturday **1.30** The News Huddlines **2.00** Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the fifties **3.00** Steve Race **4.00** Mantovani with Three Violins. See Choice **5.00** Cinema 2 with Chris Stuart **5.30** Nick Barraclough's New Country **6.00** Cliff Richard Gospel Concert **7.00** Edmundo Ros (3 of 5) **7.30** Sondheim at the Barbican presented by Sheridan *Morley* **9.30** David Jacobs with Easy Does It **10.00** Martin Kelner **12.05am** Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the fifties **1.00-4.00am** John Terrett with Night Ride

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** Get Set... **10.30** Hopalong Cassidy **11.00** Go! **12.00** Sport on 4 Plus 1 **12.30** Sportscall **1.30** Sport on Five with Ian Payne including Football: Rangers v Aberdeen and a preview of Poland v England; Golf: PGA Championship from Wentworth; Cricket: Australia v Leicestershire; *Racing from Kempton Park with Peter Bromley including the Crawley Warren Heron Stakes*; Rugby Union: news of the British Lions tour of New Zealand; and Tennis: The French Open **5.00** Sports Report **6.05** Six-O-Six **7.25** Football Plus **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** Sports Bulletin **10.15** The Way Out **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Jazz Now and Then **5.45** Worldbrief **6.00** News **6.30** Europa Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk *8.30 People and Politics* **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Worldbrief **10.30** Personal View **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** Printer's Devil **11.15** Letter from America **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 3 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.15** Sportsworld **6.00** BBC English **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** Advocacy **8.45** From the Weeklies **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Personal View **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.15** Jazz for the Asking **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Words of Faith **12.10** Book Choice **12.15** A Jolly Good Show **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Play of the Week: Marlowe's Diaries **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** I Leave Without Malice **4.00** News **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** CD Countdown **12.00** Petroc Trelawny **3.00pm** Adrian Love **6.00** Classic America with Mel Cooper **7.00** Introduction to the Opera: Nicholas Treslion looks at Mozart's *La Clemenza di Tito* **10.00** Six of the Best **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Graham Dene **10.00** Chris Evans **1.00pm** Emperor Rosko **4.00** Dave Fanning **8.00** Kevin Greening **10.00** Tommy Rivers **2.00-6.00** [illegible]

RADIO 3

6.35 Open University: Reformers and Secular Authority
6.55 Weather
7.00 Record Review with Paul Guinery. Crusell (Clarinet Concerto No 2 in F minor: Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment with Antony Pay); Schumann (Violin Sonata in A minor, Op 105: Hansheinz Schneeberger, violin, and Jean-Jacques Dünki, fortepiano); Nicholas Ludford (Ave cuius conceptio: The Cardinall's Musick under Andrew Carwood); Mozart (Piano Sonata in C minor, K457: Mitsuko Uchida, piano); Tchaikovsky, compl Bogatyrev (Symphony No 7 in E flat: *London Philharmonic* under Neeme Jarvi)
9.00 News 9.05 Record Review with Anthony Burton. Building *a Library: Messiaen (Quartet* for the End of Time); David Nice reviews symphonic new releases including Davis's *Eroica*. Record Release: Strauss (Suite, Le bourgeois gentilhomme: Orpheus CO); Homboe (Symphony No 7: Aarhus SO under Owain Arwel Hughes); Michael Hall enjoys Haydn's eight Esterhaza operas; Haydn (La Fedeltà Premiata, excerpt: Lausanne CO under Antal Dorati with Ileana Cotrubas, Frederica von Stade, Lucia Valentini Terrani, Luigi Alva, Tonny Landy, Alan Titus, Maurizio Mazzieri)
1.00 News 1.05 A Garland for the Queen: The collection of madrigals by ten British composers commissioned to celebrate the coronation of Elizabeth II in 1953
1.55 Haydn and Dvořák. Endellion Quartet with Artur Pizarro, piano, play Haydn (String Quartet in G, Op 64 No 4); Dvořák (Piano Quintet in A, Op 81)
3.000 Leonard Bernstein: Bernstein in Britain. Bernstein (Overture, *Candide*: LSO); Elgar (Enigma Variations: BBC SO); Ravel (Piano Concerto in G: Philharmonia Orchestra); *Britten (Suite on English* Folktunes, A Time There Was: New York PO); Stravinsky (The Rite of Spring: LSO)
5.00 **Jazz Record Requests** with Geoffrey Smith
5.45 Third Opinion: Christopher Cook considers crafts and design
6.30 Dialogues des Carmélites: Poulenc's three-act opera performed by the Chorus of the Grand Theatre, Geneva, and Suisse Romande Orchestra under Michel Plasson. With Victor Braun, Marie McLaughlin, Michael Schade Felicity Palmer, Valerie Millot, Martine Dupuy, Alison Hagley, Claire Larcher and Dimitrina Zafirova
9.20 Three Score Miles and Ten: Meditations on the guide-book trade. David Horovitch reads from the writings of Graham Greene including short sketches written for *The Spectator* and *The New Statesman* in the 1930s and 1940s
9.30 Malcolm Frager: *The pianist* plays Beethoven (Sonata in F, Op 54); Schumann (Kinderscenen, Op 15)
10.00 The Fall of Constantinople: David Malling introduces a selection of the traditional folk laments sung by communities all over the Greek world commemorating the fall of the city in 1453.
10.30 Impressions: The London Jazz Festival, introduced by Brian Morton
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping
6.00 News Briefing incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **7.20** Listeners' Letters; **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for the Day; **7.55** Weather **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4 with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway presented by Eddie Mair
10.00 News; Loose Ends with Ned Sherrin, John Walters, Emma Freud and Arthur Smith
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster with Michael White of *The Guardian*
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box — A Question of Money: Listeners from Merseyside put their financial problems to the team
12.25pm Ukridge: Griff Rhys Jones stars as P.G. Wodehouse's favourite character, Ukridge (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Joining Jonathan Dimbleby are Aziz Al Azmeh, professor of Islamic studies at Exeter University; Patricia Hewitt, deputy director of the Institute for Public Policy Research; Francis Maude, banker; and Katharine Whitehorn, columnist (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4444
2.30 Playhouse: Opening Up, by Jeremy Paul. With Daniel Massey and Oliver Ford Davies (r)
4.00 News; You Know It Makes Sense: All in the Mouth. Geoff Watts finds out what gets the taste buds tingling (r)
4.30 Science Now: Peter Evans mingles with the winners of this year's Science Book Prizes
5.00 In the Club: Martin Wainwright meets members of some of Britain's 6,000 clubs and societies. This week he looks at the celebration of buildings with folly fanciers, defenders of carbuncles and lovers of the underground — from chapels to car parks
5.25 Tea Junction 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News and Sports Round-Up
6.25 Week Ending (r)
6.50 Home Truths: Richard Hoggart, the writer and *academic*, tells how his view of England changed as a result of time spent abroad
7.20 Kaleidoscope: Telling Stones. The art of story-telling is enjoying a revival in pubs, clubs and private homes. There is a new magazine, a forthcoming national gathering and other tales to tell
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: Victory. See Choice
9.05 Music in Mind
9.50 Ten to Ten 9.59 Weather
10.00 News 10.15 Trivia Test Match: Tim Rice and Willie Rushton with Rachel Heyhoe-Flint and Paul Merton (r)
10.45 Dot Dot Dash: Joanna Buchan dashes from dot to dot pursuing the development of morse code
11.00 Singing for a Living. the perils, *pains and pleasures of* life as an opera singer. Nigel Douglas talks to the American soprano Grace Bumbry (r)
11.30 Winston in Europe, by Peter Tinniswood. With Shirley Dixon, Maurice Denham, Liz Goulding and Bill Wallis (r)
12.00-12.43am News incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

RADIO CHOICE

Mantovani with Three Violins *(Radio 2, 4.00pm)*
It's back to the 1950s when for half a crown you could walk into Woolworths and buy a cover version of a popular song without worrying too much that it was not being performed by the original artist. The Embassy label was conceived by Morris Levy who held prices down and still made a profit by employing the best sessions musicians and a list of unknown soloists. Almost any hit tune could be *recorded with limited resources*, even reproducing the lush 70-strong Mantovani strings with just three violins. One of the featured artists, Ken Barry, "covered" several Bob Dylan hits. Now he is better known as the voice of Postman Pat.

Saturday Night Theatre *(Radio 4, 7.50pm)*
Ian Holm stars in Guy Meredith's play Victory, set in Germany in 1946. A young British officer is sent to Cologne to reorganise the distribution of coal from a mine run by a former scientist and expert on rocket development. But there's a lot more to the mission and *matters are further complicated by the presence of the German's* beautiful young wife. **Kenneth Gosling**

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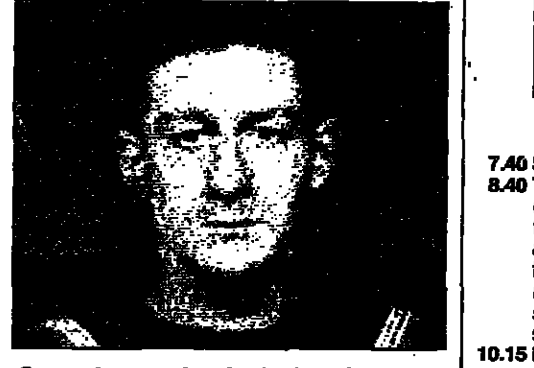
SUNDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC1

7.00 Ceefax (65189)
7.30 Wiz Bang (r) (s) (2073301) **7.40 Charlie Chalk** (r) (2060837) **7.55 Playdays.** (r) (s) (5004059) **8.15 Rupert** (r) (7877127) **8.20 Smoggies** (r) (1754740) **8.45 Favourite Songs.** Animated story based on *Au Claire de la Lune* (6277566)
9.10 News and weather (9564092) **9.15 See Hear!** A look at how different countries preserve their deaf culture through film. Presented by Linda Day (s)
9.45 France Panorama. First of a four-part series on contemporary France as seen by French television, beginning with family life (2176924) **10.00 Italianissimo: Bologna** (r) (9452437)
10.15 Morning Worship. A service of commemoration of the Battle of the Atlantic from Liverpool Cathedral (s) (85171479)
11.50 Small World. Toy theatre collections (r) (8509585)
12.00 A Cook's Tour of France. Mireille Johnston returns to her native Provence (r). (Ceefax) (s) (60585)
12.30 Country File. John Craven explores rural issues (1306856). Wales: Down to Earth **12.55 Weather** (18689769)
1.00 News (77725837) followed by **On the Record** with Jonathan Dimbleby and John Cole (1741127)
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax) (28160)
3.00 Film: In Which We Serve (1942, b/w) starring Noël Coward, John Mills and Bernard Miles. A second world war tribute to the men of the Royal Navy. Directed by David Lean and Noël Coward. (Ceefax) (98639295) **4.50 Cartoon** (8427011)
5.05 Masterchef. This week's contestants from the south-west are judged by Loyd Grossman, Darina Allen and Ken Russell. (Ceefax) (3169059)
5.40 News and weather (725924)
5.55 The Queen and I. Photographs, portraits and other images of the Queen marking the 40th anniversary of her coronation (s) (966450)
6.00 Songs of Praise from Westminster Abbey celebrates the coronation. (63160)
7.00 Film: Switching Channels (1988) starring Kathleen Turner, Burt Reynolds and Christopher Reeve. Complications arise when Turner, as a TV reporter, tries to quit her job to remarry. Directed by Ted Kotcheff. (Ceefax) (s) (81741943)
8.40 The Queen and I. Shown earlier (s) (796769)
8.45 News and weather (278672)
9.00 Don't Leave Me This Way. (Ceefax) (s). See Choice (87983699)
10.35 Heart Of The Matter. First in a new series looks at the anguish in the Church of England created by the decision to ordain women. (829769). Northern Ireland: The Championship

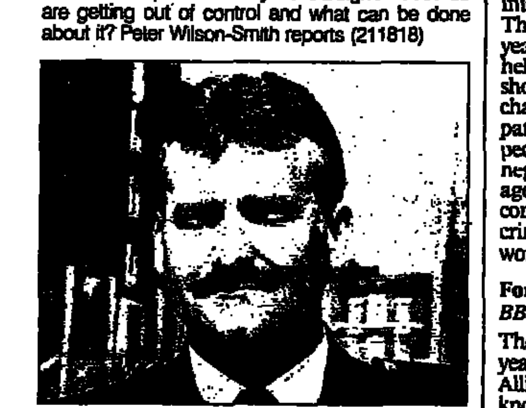


Seaman's memories: Jon Pertwee (11.10pm)

11.10 For Those In Peril. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (759566). Northern Ireland: 11.25 Heart of the Matter
11.40 Time Of Her Life. A look at health and well-being for women over 40 (520276). Northern Ireland: 12.00 For Those in Peril
12.10 The Sky At Night: Supernova. The destruction of massive stars continues to be studied by astronomers. Dr Robin Catchpole of Greenwich Observatory explains what has been discovered (7785832)
12.30 Weather (3119870). Ends at **12.35am.** Northern Ireland: Time of Her Life 1.00-1.20 The Sky at Night

BBC2

6.15 Open University (94786479)
9.10 Thundercats. Cartoon adventures (r). (7639450)
9.30 Jonny Briggs. Jonny has plans to make a kite (r).(7026924)
9.50 The Movie Game. Film and video quiz presented by Jonathon Morris (r). (s) (7020740)
10.15 Rugrats. Cartoon (s) (5801721)
10.40 Grange Hill. The last episode of the original secondary school drama series from 1978 (r). (Ceefax) (6397473)
11.00 Blue Peter Omnibus. The best items from the week (s) (9361092)
11.45 O Zone. Special edition of the music magazine. Ray and Anita show Andi Peters round Amsterdam (s) (4413818)
12.00 Regional Westminster Programmes (68127). Northern Ireland: Greenfingers; Wales: Week In Week Out
12.30 Sunday Grandstand introduced from Wentworth by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.35, 1.20** and **3.30** Water-skiing: the Carlsberg European Masters from Kirtons Resort Country Club. The commentators are Gerald Sinstadt and Alan Goggin; **1.00** Motor Racing. round five of the British Formula 3 championship from Brands Hatch described by Murray Walker; **1.45** and **4.00** Golf: third round of the Volvo PGA Championship from Wentworth; **2.45** and **6.00** Badminton: World Championship Team Event from the National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, introduced by Barry Davies; **6.40** Final Score (5527027)
6.50 Ocean Challenge Update. The ten yachts in the British Steel Round the World Yacht Race arrive at Southampton after their eight-month journey the "wrong way" round (s) (834289)
7.00 The Money Programme reports on problems and scandals in Britain's boardrooms. Are big pay rises, financial collapses and dirty tricks a sign that boards are getting out of control and what can be done about it? Peter Wilson-Smith reports (211818)



On the Mersey beat: Robert Robson (7.40pm)

7.40 Silver Spoon. (Ceefax) See Choice (830092)
8.40 The Monarchy Debate. The monarchy is at the centre of more public controversy than at any time this century. James Naughtie explores the arguments for change if it is to play a part in the future life of Britain. Taking part in the event, which marks the 40th anniversary of the coronation, are senior politicians, academics, journalists and a studio audience (62608059)
10.15 Moviedrome. Alex Cox introduces **Film: Darkman.** (Ceefax) (s). See Choice (266672)
11.55 Olly's Prison. The last part of Edward Bond's play starring Bernard Hill. Mike finds after being released from prison that his punishment has only just begun (s) (621059). Ends at **11.15**

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CHOICE

Murder trail: McTeer and Staunton (BBC1, 9.00pm)

Don't Leave Me This Way
BBC1, 9.00pm

Janet McTeer and Imelda Staunton return as the English lecturers, Loretta and Bridget, after their well-received television debut in *A Masculine Ending*. Once again there is no time for teaching. A friend dies in a car crash and our bluestockings are embroiled in a murder case. As a second killing follows the first, Loretta is afraid they are getting in too deep. It is a sure sign that they are about to be pushed in even deeper. *Don't Leave Me This Way* offers a satisfyingly complex and well-worked scenario which gains momentum after a slowish start. A slight grumble is that despite the best efforts of the excellent actresses, the central characters lack definition. Perhaps it would help if we saw them in a lecture room.

Silver Spoon
BBC2, 7.40pm

Eight people born on coronation day in 1953 are interviewed as they approach their fortieth birthdays. They went through a similar exercise in the jubilee year of 1977 and footage from the earlier programme helps to enhance the new one. The haircuts tend to be shorter and the faces older but the voices have hardly changed. Wisely there is no attempt to impose a pattern or draw conclusions. Here are eight different people, from different backgrounds, who have negotiated the four decades of the new Elizabethan age with varying success. In one of the more sobering contributions Robert, the policeman, ponders the crime and unemployment on his Liverpool beat and worries for the future of his two small daughters.

For Those in Peril
BBC1, 11.10pm

The Battle of the Atlantic, which came to a climax 40 years ago when fortunes finally turned in favour of the Allies, is commemorated in the way that television knows best. Archive film and the patriotic tub-thumping of the newsreels are combined with the more sober accounts of survivors. They include the former prime minister, Lord Callaghan, the actor Jon Pertwee, and other former seamen who are not household names but did their bit to ensure that vital food and raw materials got through. There are interviews, too, with members of the German U-boat crews. Memories remain sharp and emotions are quick to surface. One veteran recalls a 16-year-old dying in his arms and not knowing the boy's name.

Moviedrome: Darkman
BBC2, 10.15pm

The director Alex Cox launches a sixth series of cult films, the sort of titles that are well-liked by the few and tend to be ignored by the many. But the season's remit is wide enough to include such relatively mainstream offerings as Polanski's *Chinatown* and James Dean (certainly a cult figure) in *Rebel Without a Cause*. Sam Raimi's *Darkman*, showing for the first time on network television, gets the season off to a typical start. It is a flamboyant and quirky horror picture featuring Liam Neeson as a scientist who develops a synthetic skin and needs to use it when he is disfigured by gangsters. Even if you hate the film, and *Moviedrome* fare is unlikely to appeal to all tastes, there is always Cox with his wacky introduction. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (6523672)
9.25 Heidi. The children return to school as autumn approaches (1171837) **9.50 The New Adventures of Black Beauty.** Children's drama (s) (2865363)
10.20 The Littlest Hobo. Hobo befriends a runaway teenage delinquent (5895160)
10.45 Link with Sian Vasey. Electro-convulsive therapy (ECT) is being given to depressed children, but why? (9456363)
11.00 Morning Worship from the church of St Mary Magdalene, Reigate, Surrey (71740)
12.00 This Sunday. Magazine series with a religious theme (55653)
12.30 An Invitation To Remember. Review of the career of the actor Sir Michael Hordern (80837)
1.00 News and weather (75300030)
1.10 Sunday Supplement. Andrew Neil, editor of *The Sunday Times*, faces questions from a studio audience. With Edwina Currie (s) (5596108)
2.00 The Smurfs. Animated adventures (r). (5498)
2.30 International Rugby. Action featuring England and Scotland's touring sides. England play Canada in Vancouver and Scotland play Fiji (68108)
3.30 Film: His Majesty O'Keefe (1953) starring Burt Lancaster. An adventurer shows South Sea islanders modern technology and there's some love interest. Directed by Byron Haskin (33214)
5.00 Blood, Sweat and Tears. The climber Chris Bonington tells the story of man's relationship with Everest, the world's highest mountain (8585)
6.00 London Tonight with Alastair Stewart, plus sports news from Matthew Lorenzo (338653)
6.20 ITN News with Julia Somerville. Weather (220295)
6.30 Watching. Romantic comedy (r). (479)
7.00 Surprise, Surprise. Cilla Black with the usual mix of fun and reunions (s) (2011)

Easy riders: Nick Berry, Dorothy Tutin (8.00pm)

8.00 Heartbeat starring Nick Berry and Naimh Cusack. Last in the series about a London policeman working in the North Yorkshire Moors. With Dorothy Tutin (Teletext) (s) (8059)
9.00 Jeeves and Wooster starring Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie. More of P.G. Wodehouse's most-celebrated characters. Bertie finds a former fiancée, the appalling Honoria Glossop, turning up when he least needs it. (Teletext) (8295)
10.00 Aspel and Company. Michael Aspel's guests include the singer and actor Phil Collins and Lauren Bacall (682030)
10.45 Spitting Image. More latex send-ups of the famous treading on banana skins (191547)
11.15 News with Julia Somerville and weather (470405)
11.35 Faith and Music. The group Sister Sledge and their devotion to God through their music and private lives (549301)
12.05am Cue the Music. Highlights of a concert by The The during their world tour (s). (6646870)
1.10 TXT. Music and chat with celebrities (7825580)
2.15 Out of Limits. Sporting feats (6649344)
2.30 Memories of 1984. The year that produced the miners' strike, the shooting at the Libyan Embassy in London and the Brighton bombing. Presented by Robert Powell (s). (36325)
3.30 Snooker. Action from the European League: John Parrott v Ronnie O'Sullivan (38493)
5.30 ITN Morning News (78344). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (5372672) **6.55 Spiff and Hercules** (8893160) **7.10 The Wombles** (r) (1858856) **7.15 Bunch of Munsch** (5764837) **7.40 Sharky and George** (9213856) **8.05 Doug.** Doug becomes a ballet dancer (1435092)
8.35 The Adventures of Tintin: Prisoners of the Sun, part two. Captain Haddock and Tintin set off to find the sun temple (6264092)
9.00 California Dreams A young rock band is seeking stardom (73059)
9.30 Dennis. Cartoon (r). (2171479)
9.45 Flipper. The brave dolphin saves a diver (942108)
10.15 The Lone Ranger (b/w) Trouble comes from a gang of horse thieves (934189)
10.45 Land of the Giants. Science fiction drama series (r). (197856)
11.45 Little House on the Prairie starring Michael Landon. A will seems to make Charles Ingall a wealthy man, but there is another beneficiary (186740)
12.45 Film: The Story of Three Loves (1953). Star-studded romantic drama in which passengers tell their love stories on an ocean liner. Look out for Kirk Douglas, James Mason, Leslie Caron, Moira Shearer and others. Directed by Vincente Minelli (48503214)
2.55 Stealing Home. A film short from New Zealand about an old lady piecing together her past (r). (8615818)
3.15 Football Italia. Live action from one of the top games, AC Milan v Brescia, a potential championship-decider. Other fixtures: Inter v Parma, Sampdoria v Roma and Lazio at home to Napoli. Introduced by Kenneth Wolstenholme. Followed by **News** and weather (89207011)
5.30 The Next Big Thing. The band FMB play their biggest gig yet as they seek a record deal (s) (856)
6.00 Moviewatch Highlights from the series (769)
6.30 The Wonder Years. Kevin stumbles across Winnie in a passionate embrace (721)
7.00 Wild India. After five decades of independence the battles between progress and nature are still being fought. Last in the series (s) (4063)
8.00 The Long Summer. The countryside offers a peaceful idyll in this look at life in Britain between the wars. (3276)
8.30 Streetlegal. The government said it was appointing ten new High Court judges but suitable candidates seem to be hard to find. Why are top barristers turning down the job? Plus a profile of Roger Pannone, president-elect of the Law Society (5011)

Open-mouthed: Roberts, Taylor and Gish (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: Mystic Pizza (1988) starring Annabeth Gish, Julia Roberts, and Lili Taylor. Romantic comedy about the amorous adventures of three young waitresses in an East Coast seaside town. Directed by Donald Petrie (s). (9160)
11.00 Red Empire: Prisoners of the Past. Khrushchev clamps down and the KGB grows in power, forcing dissent underground. Last in the series. (67547)
12.00 Film: The Theme (1979). Intelligent Russian drama, part of the *World Cinema* season, about a successful but conformist Moscow writer who falls for an uncompromising artist. Prizewinner at the 1987 Berlin Film Festival. Directed by Gleb Panfilov (370870). Ends at **1.50**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.25 Film: Race For Your Life, Charlie Brown (9710295) **10.05** Cartoons (5907363) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (936547) **12.30-1.00** Countrywide (1391924) **2.00-2.30** Faith and Music (5498) **3.30** Blood, Sweat and Tears (45943) **4.30** Highway to Heaven (67818) **5.30** Bullseye (214) **6.00-6.20** Anglia News (338653) **11.35** It's a Living (549301) **12.05** Quiz Night (8311219) **12.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3511986) **1.05** Film: Day for Night (Francois Truffaut, Jacqueline Bisset, Jean-Pierre Leaud) (32044122) **3.10** The New Music (32044122) **4.05** Entertainment UK (9659306) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (93344)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.25 Film: Race for Your Life, Charlie Brown (9710295) **10.05** Cartoon (5907363) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (936547) **12.30-1.00** Central Newsweek (1391924) **2.00** Take 15 (12714943) **2.15** The March (93404160) **5.00** Blood, Sweat and Tears (8585) **6.00-6.20** Earthfile (699276) **12.05** International Rugby (7398696) **1.05** Prisoner Cell Block H (6255815) **2.05** Riviera (1291324) **3.00** Cue the Music (26832) **4.00** Get Stuffed (75656783) **4.15** Jobfinder (5131716) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6172509)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.25 Film: Spooner (7181547) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (936547) **12.30-1.00** HTV Newsweek (80837) **2.00** Faith and Music (5498) **2.30** Wrestling (2874653) **3.20** On Location with Heartbeat (8439189) **3.50** International Rugby (5611672) **4.50** Highway to Heaven (5558092) **5.45-6.20** Get Wet (834740) **11.35** Brewhouse Jazz (549301) **12.05** Quiz Night (8311219) **12.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3511986) **1.05** Film: Day for Night (Francois Truffaut, Jacqueline Bissel, Jean-Pierre Leaud) (32044122) **3.10** The New Music (7427306) **4.05** Entertainment UK (9659306) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (93344)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.30-1.00 Playback

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.25 Race For Your Life Charlie Brown (9701547) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (936547) **12.30** Meridian This Week (1766108) **12.50-1.00** Meridian News (21382837) **2.00-2.30** Faith and Music (5498) **3.30** Blood Sweat and Tears (45943) **4.30** Cartoon (2755011) **4.50** Life Goes On (5558092) **5.45-6.20** Fit To Win (834740) **11.35** Film. River Of No Return (386932) **1.20** ITV Chart Show (6251899) **2.20** Kojak (5805238) **3.15** The Pier (6530764) **3.50** Derrick (9595306) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE TEES
As London except: 9.25 Film: Exile (7181547) **10.15-10.45** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (936547) **12.25** The Littlest Hobo (8973522) **12.50-1.00** Tyne Tees Newsweek (21382837) **2.00-2.30** Faith and Music (5498) **3.30** The Conquest of Everest (33214) **5.00** Blood, Sweat and Tears (8585) **6.00-6.20** Tyne Tees Weekend (338653)

ULSTER
As London except: 9.25 Film. Exile (7181547) **10.15-10.45** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (936547) **12.25-1.00** Gardening Time (4278914) **2.00** Police Six (40331214) **2.10-2.30** Rocksport (12701479) **3.30** Film: Poker Alice (125634) **5.15-6.20** Coronation Street (7326189)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.25 Film: Race for Your Life, Charlie Brown (7181547) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (936547) **12.30-1.00** Westcountry Update (1391924) **2.00-2.30** Faith and Music (5498) **3.30** Blood, Sweat and Tears (45943) **4.30** Highway to Heaven (4726905) **5.50** Brief Encounters (842769) **5.45-6.20** Heart of the Country (834740) **11.35** Married With Children (549301) **12.05** Quiz Night (8311219) **12.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3511986) **1.05** Film: Day for Night (32044122) **3.10** The New Music (7427306) **4.05** Entertainment UK (9659306) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (93344)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.25 Film: Exile (7181547) **10.15-10.45** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (936547) **12.25** The Littlest Hobo (8973522) **12.50-1.00** Calendar News (21382837) **2.00-2.30** Faith and Music (5498) **3.30** The Conquest of Everest (33214) **5.00** Blood, Sweat and Tears (8585) **6.00-6.20** Calendar (338653) **11.35** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (368081) **12.30** Quiz Night (23306) **1.00** The Bear (74236) **2.05** Film: Taaqatwar (25466696) **4.45-5.30** Jobs

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Starts: 7.10 The Wombles (1858856) **7.15** Bunch of Munsch (5764837) **7.40** Sharky And George (9213856) **8.05** Doug (1435092) **8.35** Tintin (6264092) **9.00** Jelfin (73059) **9.30** Dennis (2171479) **9.45** Flipper (942108) **10.15** The Lone Ranger (934189) **10.45** Land of the Giants (197856) **11.45** Little House on the Prairie (186740) **12.45** Mork and Mindy (205189) **1.15** Oedfa'r Penatecost (226030) **1.45** Eerie, Indiana (227301) **2.15** Return to Everest (446092) **3.15** Football Italia (89207011) **5.30** Pobol Y Cwm (14204127) **7.15** Fe Hoffwn I (820547) **7.45** Hel Straeon (629818) **8.15** Dagganed Gan Gwynne Howell (544059) **9.10** Newyddion (567479) **9.15** Sarth Dwmod Ar Y Sul (663092) **9.30** True Stories: Death of a Wagon Train (6450547) **10.55** Bill Hicks — Revelations (942059) **11.50** E.N.G. (781295) **12.50** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Hour of Power (79479) **7.00** Fun Factory (5224837) **11.30** The Brady Bunch (41498) **12.00** World Wrestling Federation Challenge (23566) **1.00pm** Robin of Sherwood (32214) **2.00** The Love Boat (60160) **3.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (9479) **3.30** Fashion TV (1189) **4.00** UK Top 40 (24721) **5.00** All American Wrestling (3059) **6.00** The Simpsons (12450) **7.00** The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles (66295) **8.00** All The Rivers Run (86059) **10.00** Hill Street Blues (65566) **11.00-12.00** Wiseguy (16837)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am News (2003030) **9.30** Talking with David Frost: Part One, with Candice Bergen (31585) **10.00** Sky News Dayline (90301) **10.30** Talking with David Frost: Part Two, with Candice Bergen (93837) **11.30** National Gallery (58635) **12.30pm** Financial Times Reports (86769) **1.30** Target (69498) **2.30** Roving Report (39522) **3.30** The Lords (15301) **4.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (3950) **5.00** Live at Five (94837) **6.30** Roving Report (14301) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (8479) **8.00** Sky World News Hour (86769) **9.30** Target (77754) **10.30** Roving Report (23498) **11.30** ABC News (97585) **12.30am** Those Were The Days (23526) **1.30** ABC News (90073) **2.30** Target (56293) **3.30** ABC News (18526) **4.30** The National Gallery — A Private View (10325) **5.30-5.59** Beyond 2000 (90580)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (43740)
8.00 Charlie Chan and the Curse of the Dragon Queen (1981): Peter Ustinov as the Oriental detective (84740)
10.00 Shipwrecked (1991): A 14-year-old embarks on a dangerous sea voyage (15547)
12.00 Pancho Barnes (1988): Biopic of the female aviator (76551382)
2.35pm Silent Movie (1976): Mel Brooks film about three washed-up producers (2477924)
4.00 For Your Eyes Only (1981): Bond adventure with Roger Moore as 007 (83135498)
6.10 Look Who's Talking Too (1990): Sequel with Bruce Willis as the talking babe (2219189)
7.30 Xposure (5905)
8.00 Carry on Emmannuelle (1978): Ribald comedy with Suzanne Danielle (71127)
10.00 Switch (1991). Ellen Barkin plays a woman who is reincarnated as a man (912214)
11.45 The Adventures of Ford Fairlane (1990): Andrew Dice-Clay plays the LA private eye (665214)
1.30am Roots of Evil (1992): Thriller about a cop assigned to find a serial killer (115702)
3.05 Mirage (1991): Horror about teenagers in the desert (6607257)
4.35 Storm (1987). Students are menaced while camping (2966696). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm Young Frankenstein (1974): Mel Brooks's horror spoof (8547)
6.00 The Day they Gave Babies Away (1957): An Old West couple prepare their children to live without them (52030)
8.00 Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore (1974): Martin Scorsese film about a single mother. With Ellen Burstyn (31547)
10.00 Exorcist 2: The Heretic (1977): Horror sequel with Linda Blair, directed by John Boorman (52473). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Bravestarr: The Legend (1986): Western set in space (41382)
8.00 The Miracle Worker (1962). William Gibson's play about blind and deaf girl, Helen Keller. With Anne Bancroft and Patty Duke (82382)
10.00 Hamlet (1990): Zeffirelli version with Mel Gibson (88611905)
12.15pm Victim of Innocence (1990). Drama about a former GI whose Vietnamese daughter comes to live with him and his wife. Starring Cheryl Ladd, Anthony John Denison and Melissa Chan (386498)
2.00 Sidesout (1990): Sporting drama about a college kid and a Californian beach bum. With *thirtysomething*'s Peter Horton (47160)
4.00 The Emperor's New Clothes: Animation (6905)
6.00 9½ Ninjas (1990): Romantic ninja comedy (67924)
8.00 Doc Hollywood (1991). Michael J. Fox as a brash doctor marooned in the country (79769)
10.00 Mortal Thoughts (1991): Ingenious Alan Rudolph thriller with Demi Moore, Glenne Headly (910856)
11.45 Rambling Rose (1991). Laura Dern plays a promiscuous 19-year-old in Martha Coolidge's warm comedy-drama set in 1935 (78456856)
2.00am Hollister (1991): A civil war veteran seeks revenge on a gang of outlaws (42702)
4.00 Let's Scare Jessica to Death (1971): A woman thinks her guest is a vampire (15431). Ends at **5.30**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Fishing the West (27479) **7.00** Gillette World Sports Special (49189) **7.30** US PGA Golf (49160) **9.30** Redline — International Motorsport (53585) **10.30** Superbikes (51905) **12.00** Indy 500 Motoracing 1992 (73160) **1.00pm** British Speedway Final (35547) **2.30** Superbikes (40740) **3.30** Indy 500 Motoracing (1739450) **8.00** Cycling (34063) **9.00** US PGA Golf (825585) **12.00-3.00am** Indy 500 Motoracing (7996325)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Reebok Aerobics (46092) **8.00** Eurofun Magazine (68740) **8.30** NBA American Basketball (12769) **10.00** Tennis — French Open (6528498) **7.00pm** Golf Volvo PGA Championships (47721) **9.00** Tennis French Open — Highlights (15585) **10.00** Honda International Motorsport Magazine (18672) **11.00-12.30am** Boxing (83479)

UK GOLD
7.00am Michael Bentine's Potty Time (1825419) **7.30** Owl TV (2370504) **8.00** Lassie (8590721) **8.30** Dog House (8599092) **9.00** Dr Who and the Inferno (90549108) **12.10** Film: Go Naked in the World (1961): An industrialist falls for a prostitute (3962276) **2.00** Sharon and Elsie (1035924) **3.00** The Bill Omnibus (1313837) **5.30** Stalky & Co (4069818) **6.00** The District Nurse (2406856) **7.00** Sorry! (4803837) **7.30** Sharon and Elsie (4079295) **8.00** A Horseman Riding By (4318653) **9.00** Film: The Mean Season (1985) Thriller about news journalism (56530194) **10.50** Life Without George (7659108) **11.20** Colin's Sandwich (3415030) **11.50-1.00am** In Concert (1755030)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (44721) **7.00** Commander Crumbcake (11905) **7.30** The Greatest Tune on Earth (23740) **8.00** Cartoon Classics (13214) **8.30** RatKan II (714030) **11.30** Cartoon Classics (60450) **12.00** Marvel Hour (46090) **1.00pm** Okavango (22450) **2.00** 3-2-1 Contact (1498) **2.30** The Barkleys (7158) **3.00** Chicken Minute (8455) **3.30** Round the Bend (5943) **4.00** Runaway Ralph (22301) **5.00** Katts And Dog (5450) **5.30** Fifteen (4214) **6.00-7.00** Fame (42214)

RADIO 3

6.35 Open University: Sovereignty Revisited **6.55** Weather
7.00 Sunday Morning Concert: Walton (Johannesburg Festival Overture: BBC Concert Orchestra); Ravel (Concerto for piano, left hand, and orchestra: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra); Bax (The Garden of Fand: BBC PO), Suk (A Fairy Tale Suite, Radusz and Mahulena: BBC Concert Orchestra); Saint-Saëns (Morceau de concert: BBC Concert Orchestra); Schubert (Symphony No 5 in B flat: BBC PO)
9.00 News
9.05 Brain Kay's Sunday Morning: Heinichen (Concerto in F); Elgar (Prologue, The Apostles); Beethoven, arr Sedlak (Fidelio, excerpts): Bach (Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565); Brahms (Variations on a theme of Haydn, Op 56a); Warlock (Passing By, Pretty Ring Time, Yarmouth Fair); Grieg (The Wounded Heart; Last Spring): Artist of the Week: Murray Perahia, piano performs Mozart (Piano Concerto No 21 in C, K467); Johann Strauss, son (Waltz, Memory of Covent Garden); Stravinsky (Ebony Concerto); Bach (Cantata No 34: O Ewiges Feuer); *Composer of the Week* preview: Mussorgsky (Dance of the Persian Slaves, Khovanshchina); Mendelssohn (Songs without Words, Op 85 No 6; Op 9 No 6; Op 30 No 4); Grainger (The Warriors)
12.00 Spirit of the Age: Period Portrait. George Pratt profiles the countertenor, James Bowman
1.00pm News
1.05 Table Talk in the Sixties: See Choice
1.20 BBC SO: Mark Wigglesworth conducts Mahler's Symphony No 10
2.40 Hamburg Church Music: Sacred settings by three composers working in Hamburg in the 17th century: Hieronymous Praetorius, Johann Schop and Thomas Selle
3.45 Berthold Goldschmidt: An occasional series celebrating the composer's 90th birthday. Piano Sonata (Kolja Lessing, piano); String Quartet No 1 (Mandelring Quartet)
4.30 Northern Sinfonia: Nicholas Kraemer conducts Handel (Concerto grosso in B flat, Op 3 No 2); Vivaldi (Concerto in G, RV437); Telemann (Recorder Concerto in C): Rameau (Suite, Les Boréades)
5.45 The Turn of the Tide: Paul Allen follows a project in which 40,000 children around Britain have composed music to go with a new work by Peter Maxwell Davies
6.30 Beethoven: String Quartet in B flat, Op 130, with Grosse Fuge finale performed by Vogler Quartet (r)
7.30 Sunday Play: Marlowe — The Complete Plays: See Choice
9.40 BBC Scottish SO: Henze (La Selva Incantata); Beethoven (Symphony No 4 in B flat); Haydn (Mass in D minor, Nelson)
11.10 Leighton. Pianist Eric Parkin performs Five Studies, Op 22
11.25 Music In Our Time: In the first of two recordings featuring the Nash Ensemble, Alwynne Pritchard presents four new works. Mark Anthony Turnage (Her Anxiety); Colin Matthews (Three-part Chaconne); Paul Kellett (Pascal's Triangle); Jonathan Harvey (Lotuses)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping
6.00am News and Weather
6.10 Prelude, with Marjorie Lofthouse
6.30 News; Morning Has Broken, with Jack Hywel-Davies. Including Bells on Sunday from Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, Surrey **6.55** Weather
7.00 News
7.10 Sunday Papers
7.15 On Your Farm: Oliver Walston meets farmers and ice-cream makers Peter and Suzanne Redstone
7.40 Sunday, including **7.55** Weather **8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers**
8.50 Terry Wogan talks for the *Week's Good Cause* about the work of a Concern Worldwide project in Ethiopia **8.55** Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America (r)
9.30 Morning Service, from Kensington Temple, London
10.15 The Archers Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand
11.30 Pick of the Week
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: with Kaye Webb, founder of Puffin Books for children **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend, with Nick Clarke **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: The team visits Northern Ireland
2.30 Classic Serial: My Son, My Son, by Howard Spring. With Ronald Pickup, Stuart Organ, Alison Reid and Melinda Walker. Dramatised by Stan Barstow (3/5)
3.30 Sweat and Inspiration: Civil engineer Dr Mark Raiss tells the story of the construcion of the railway linking London and Lancashire
4.00 News; Analysis (r)
4.47 Treasure Islands, with Michael Rosen from the BBC Radio Children's Poetry Festival in Bristol
5.00 News; Kershaw in Cuba (r)
5.30 Poetry Please! 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 Feedback (r)
6.30 The Day the Rains Came: On the west coast of Ireland you can spend days watching a thin veil of fine drizzle fall on the land . . . Simon Parkes considers the significance of rain in different cultures
7.00 Vietnam Revisited: Julian Pettifer continues his two-part journey through Indo-China, from the post-war recovery of Vietnam to the atrocities of the "killing fields" in Cambodia
7.30 Bookshelf: The children's poems of Walter de la Mare still earn their place in modern anthologies. Nigel Forde discusses a new biography (r)
8.00 Concerto: Salvatore Accardo, Italian violinist, conductor and founder of the Naples Chamber Music Festival, talks to June Knox Mawer about his career and introduces his recordings of a Rossini String Sonata and Paganini's Violin Concerto No 2 in B minor (La Campanella)
9.00 The Natural History Programme, presented by Kelvin Boot (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Silent Daughters: A family uncovers 40 years of sexual abuse. Presented by Jenni Mills
11.00 In Committee
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Words and music for Whit Sunday
12.00-12.43am News incl **12.20** approx Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

RADIO CHOICE

Sunday Play — Marlowe *(Radio 3, 7.30pm)*

The first broadcast of the complete cycle of six plays by Christopher Marlowe, killed in a pub brawl 400 years ago today, begins with two of the least performed and certainly the least known. First comes the earliest of his dramas, *Dido, Queen of Carthage*, a love tragedy based on a famous episode in Virgil's *Aeneid*; and then, following music by Purcell, there is the late and unfinished *The Massacre at Paris*, an historical tragedy based on the massacre of the Huguenots that began in Paris in 1572. An ensemble of 12 performers is headed by Sally Dexter, Timothy Walker and Jeremy Blake. Further plays over the next two Sundays, the remainder in the autumn

Table Talk in the Sixties *(Radio 3, 1.05pm)*

Ageing hippies are going to love this one. Hank Wangford, singer and gynaecologist, one of the signatories of the "legalise marajuana" advertisement in *The Times* in 1967, runs through some "edible highs". Banana skins, he says, were just a con, so forget Donovan's "Mellow Yellow". Take with a large pinch of salt but enjoy nonetheless. **Kenneth Gosling**

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1 FM **2.30** Rockline **4.00** The UK Top 40 **7.00** The Official 1 FM Album Chart **8.00** Anne Nightingale's Request Show 7 **10.00** Gary Davies (*FM only from* 12.00) **1.00-4.00am** Claire Sturgess (*FM only*)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo **4.00** Barbara Sturgeon The Sunday Show **7.00** Don Maclean says Good Morning Sunday **9.05** John Sachs with Much More Music **10.30** Hayes on Sunday **12.00** The Vintage Years with Desmond Carrington **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Radio 2 Young Musician 1993 **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** Charlie Chester **7.00** Richard Baker **8.30** Sunday Half Hour **9.00** Alan Keith **10.00** Martin Kelner **12.05am** John Terrett **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** The Adventures of Tintin **10.00** Johnnie Walker **11.30** Do It! **12.10pm** Education Matters **12.40** Open Forum **1.00** Sunday Sport **7.20** Open University: Can You Really Dissolve a Human Body In Acid? **7.40** Art Works: Censorship in the Swinging 60s **8.00** Free Will Discussed **8.20** Talking About the Enlightenment **8.40** Mathematics: Countdown to Algebra **9.00** Open Forum **9.20** Literature in the Modern World **9.40** Modern Art: Semantics and Visual Art **10.10-12.00** Across the Line

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Sunday Feature, Tips für Touristen **5.30** Short Story: The Owl **5.45** Pop the Question **6.00** Newshour **7.00** News **7.10** News about Britain **7.15** Printer's Devil **7.30** Jazz for the Asking **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** From Our Own Correspondent **8.50** Write On **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Classics with Kay **10.00** News **10.05** Business Review **10.15** Short Story: The Owl **10.30** Folk Routes **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** Science in Action **11.30** BBC English **11.45** News and Press Review in German **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Play of the Week: Marlowe's Diaries **2.00** Newshour **3.00** Coping with Old Age **3.30** Anything Goes **4.00** News. **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News and Features in German **5.00** News **5.15** I Leave without Malice **5.45** Letter from America **6.00** BBC English **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** Classic Recordings **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Folk Routes **9.30** Brain of Britain **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.15** Short Story: The Owl **11.30** Letter from America **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Review **12.15** Classics with Kay **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** In Praise of God **2.00** Advocacy **2.45** The Contemporary Virtuoso **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Composer of the Month: Hector Berlioz **4.00** News **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Michael Fanstone **7.00** Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic Romance **12.00** Celebrity Choice **1.00pm** Nicky Horne **3.00** Robert Booth **7.00** Authentic Performance, with guest Christopher Page **8.00** Evening Concert: Wagner (Siegfried Idyll); Martin Harry (Still Life) **10.00** Contemporary Classics **1.00-6.00am** Andre Leon

VIRGIN 1215
6.00am Graham Dene **10.00** Classic Tracks **4.00** The Virgin-Lobatt's Album Chart **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00** Sandy Beech

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DAVID FLUSFEDER PREVIEWS THE BEST OF NEXT WEEK'S TELEVISION

Dainty sleuths in Morse code

It is a good week for sport (World Cup football, Test match cricket and the British Lions in New Zealand), and a good week too for royalty addicts — roll out the red carpet to your TV set to watch rerun after interminable rerun of the Queen's coronation. A fascinating — and scary — portrait of the woman who, 60 years ago, created the screen image of Hitlerism is the highlight of a week that also offers a pair of excellent new comedies and a fine drama thriller.

Offspring: *Parenthood* is based on the Steve Martin film

Don't Leave Me This Way
Tomorrow, BBC1, 9pm
This is the deft, engaging sequel to last year's *A Masculine Ending*. It is again adapted by Catherine Buchanan from the Joan Smith thriller, and again stars Janet McTeer (the tall one) and Imelda Staunton (the small one) as the professional academics who turn their hands to amateur sleuthing. The sequel is vaguely feminist in its dainty buddy-buddiness — two single women who are able to penetrate the mysteries of love and death far better than the male police officers — but at the same time it does not resist the temptation to include slightly sneaky shots of the McTeer breasts (albeit politely covered by sweaters, towels and CND T-shirts).

McTeer and Staunton are both very good, as is Bill Nighy (recently seen in the rerun of *The Men's Room*), who has perfected the useful ability of perching on the arms of sofas and chairs while having conversations in a slightly flat, slightly sexy voice. But the highlight is the character of Sandra, a glam forty-something siren, whom men find it hard to resist while women find it surprisingly easy. Sandra is the nightmare house-guest from hell, the one who runs the hot water cold, who strews casual insults wherever she goes ("Do you want to change first?" "I have changed, Sandra"), who wears a tight leopard-skin top to offer a vista of her cleavage to her friends' dates — and is the sort of character who exists only to be murdered.

The plot disentangles itself satisfactorily. (There is a slight similarity with *Inspector Morse* — the film is set partly in Cambridge, with lots of shots of spires and quadrangles, and would-be comic badinage between the college porters.)

Mercifully, there is only one gratuitous car chase and one brief, flashback moment of violence. And perhaps the most poignant element in the whole thing is the character of Sandra's heart-broken husband, who is too grief-stricken to remember to hang on to his American accent.

The Bombay Brownwash
Monday, BBC2, 6.15pm
The Ashes series begins this week, and it is an appropriate time to take sadistsic or masochistic pleasure (whichever way your sympathies lie) in the England cricket team's miseries in India during the winter. Kevin Allen, best known for his perky populist football fans' programme *Standing Room Only*, directed this well-shot and excellently edited film of the final test of the disastrous England tour.

It is particularly good on the sights and sounds of Bombay and the frenetic and odd moments that accompany major sporting events — the Indian supporters in the crowd, delirious with the ease of their victory, chanting, whistling, dancing and yelling out proud statistics; the disgruntled snake charmer outside the ground furious with his lazy snake that refuses to dance, even when he finally gives it an impatient shove; the grim acceptance of inevitable defeat (Graham Gooch wearily looking up from his newspaper when the roar of the crowd alerts him to the loss of the final England wicket); the hypocrisy of the English onlookers (a fan babbles in the stands: "Hick — he's not even an Englishman is he? His 60 was a fluke": but later, when Hick has come good: "I've always stuck with Hick. I've always had faith in him"). And throughout it all — commentating on television, carefully choosing his buffet lunch, watching in the stands, or courteously chatting to his pretty girl fans — the cheerful spectre of David Gower.

Busman's Holiday
Monday, ITV, 7pm
Last week the dog-kennel managers from Kent won their way to a prize holiday working with teams of huskies in Lapland. This week the children's librarians battle the balloon pilots in this likeable general-knowledge quiz that puts ordinary people on display. It is a good format, with its mixture of general questions and potentially embarrassing ones on the contestants' own occupations, and is pleasantly presented by little Elton Welsby, although the questions in the final round, which offers the winners the chance to convert their Busman's Holiday in Europe into "the Busman's Holiday of a Lifetime!", are far too easy.

The Wonderful, Horrible Life of Leni Riefenstahl
Monday and Tuesday, Channel 4, 9pm
An absolutely compelling two-part biography and interview with the film-maker who transformed images of Nazi power into the most frightening combination of propaganda and art. Riefenstahl is now a remarkably fit and alert 90-year-old with dyed blonde hair and a sharp, argumentative manner, who works mostly as an underwater photographer (this programme opens with shots of her going deep-sea diving). When she refers to her work with Hitler as a "pact with the devil", you end up believing this is more than a metaphor.

After the second world war, she was banned from making films and reinvented herself as a photographer. She now regrets her Nazi films of the 1930s, but only, you feel, because of the effect they had on her subsequent career. She denies that there is any propagandist element in her masterpiece, *Triumph of the Will*, claiming the only messages it contains are "work and peace. It is like a musical composition. Whether it was about politics or about vegetables or fruit, I couldn't give a damn." The vegetables and fruits on display are the Nazi workers and leaders at the 1934 Nuremberg rally.

This fascinating German-made documentary takes us thoroughly through her different careers. First as a dancer, as which she met huge success — although the footage here shows an amateurish, chunky, pretty girl throwing her limbs around in willy-nilly pagan joy — and then as an outdoorsy actress who specialised in climbing mountains and having snow hurled at her; and most famously, as Hitler's favourite film director (he was initially captivated by her dance in the movie *The Sacred Mountain*, in which she hops and jumps about on a jetty with her arms out wide to greet the setting sun).

She claims her only interest in Nazism was first of all as an artist, and secondly as an admirer of Hitler's analysis of social problems. And whether she is being truthful or not about her relationships with the leading Nazis (she is furious in her denial of Goebbels's references to her in his diaries), she made, first in *Triumph of the Will* ("the main thing was to get the swastikas in") and then in her film of the 1936 Berlin Olympiad, two films that still arouse fear and awe.

Academic snoops: Janet McTeer (left) and Imelda Staunton in *Don't Leave Me This Way*

Days of Majesty
Wednesday, ITV, 8pm
Pageantry again, but this time in its relatively harmless English version. Today is the fortieth anniversary of the Queen's coronation, and there are plenty of programmes on this week to commemorate the occasion.

This one includes original footage and interviews with Those Who Were There, but is primarily a year-long diary of royal engagements. There is some interesting footage of royal events never shown on television before, some pleasant chats between royalty and commoners, and demonstrations of the chest-bursting pride of the ones along the way who have had some special function to perform — the recipients of Maundy money; the man who looks like Captain Birdseye and has the responsibility for labelling the Queen's swans; the bearer of the flag for Trooping the Colour ("I was actually beginning to feel slightly ill"), and the splendid rainy-day square-bashing rehearsal for that event, when one trooper manages to fall over.

The commentary, however, is excruciating. It is of the gushing kind that is calculated to sell overseas ("She rode to Westminster Abbey in a fairy-tale coach. She was young, she was beautiful. For one man, who organised the great spectacle, that day a dream came true").

Sin with Bruce Morton
Wednesday, Channel 4, 10.30pm
Bruce Morton is a Glaswegian stand-up comic. He is thin, pasty-faced, balding, wears a dangly earring, is good at mime and is very, very funny. The first of his four-part peroration into the delights of sinning deals with sloth. The highlight is his wild excursion into the animal kingdom, in which he holds up for ridicule the industrious beaver, comparing it to its cousin the lazy sloth. Along the way there are plenty of good gags, ranging from the politically incorrect ("I could no more give birth to a child than my girlfriend could walk past a shoe shop") to absurdist plays on meaning ("recently I bought my own flat — crazy I know, I would have been better off buying somebody else's").

Rik Mayall Presents: Dancing Queen
Thursday, ITV, 9pm
A very sweet, if slight, sentimental tale of love blossoming between a rich repressed sports-car driving southerner (Rik Mayall) and a brittle northern lass who makes a kind of living taking her clothes off in public (Helena Bonham Carter).

This is the final programme of three attempts to show Mayall off as an all-round actor and is by far the best. The slim story is pleasant; the misadventures of a bride-groom on the eve of his wedding, the prank that goes awfully wrong. And Mayall is good, he underplays well, managing to restrain what he is actually funniest at doing — the schoolboy delight in bodily functions accompanied by lewd farcical expressions. But Helena Bonham Carter is by far the best reason to watch this programme (and not just because of her endearingly awkward, and sexy, stripper routine).

Parenthood
Friday, BBC2, 7pm
The first episode of a new American sit-com (well, newish: it dates from 1990), which is based on the Hollywood movie of the same name and stars Ed Begley Jr in the Steve Martin role as the paterfamilias with problems ("Some people fish, some people collect stamps. I worry — and I'm damn good at it").

Parenthood's strengths lie in its good, large cast, a tight, funny script, and — notwithstanding its abrupt lurches into sentimentality — its presentation of the crazy horror of family life.

It has the inevitable sugary heart of most American television comedies, but it makes up for that with its hard candy surface — "Let me give you a hug," says grandma: "Watch your wallet, son," her son-in-law advises.

The best thing in it is that son-in-law, who is a crusty old geezer with a nasty thing to say about most people: "He's on a fellowship," he's told about his own son-in-law. "He's on a lazyship," he contemptuously replies.

BEST FILMS

TODAY
La Gloire de mon père 1990, Fr (C4, 10.30pm)
12 Angry Men 1957, US (BBC2, 12.35am)

TOMORROW
The Story of Three Loves 1953, US (C4, 12.45pm)
Darkman 1990, US (BBC2, 10.15pm)

MONDAY
Starman 1984, US (BBC1, 8pm)

TUESDAY
High Time 1960, US (C4, 2pm)
The Day of the Jackal 1973, GB/Fr (BBC1, 10.25pm)

WEDNESDAY
Mirch Masala 1987, Ind (C4, 12.40am)

BEST SPORT

TODAY
Rugby Union: New Zealand Maoris vs British Lions (ITV, 1.10pm)

WEDNESDAY
World Cup Football: Norway vs England (BBC1, 7.45pm)

THURSDAY, FRIDAY
Cricket: First Test: England vs Australia (BBC1, 10.55am; BBC2, 4pm)

SCHLOCK

Marc Almond: 12 Years of Tears (Monday, BBC1, 11.45pm)

Laughing through their hat

Hat Trick produces the country's best television comedy, but its managing director does not like jokes

IF THERE were a huge, snow-clad Mountain of Comedy, *Spitting Image* would be found halfway up, having problems with its breathing apparatus; *2.4 Children* would be tucking into the last of the Kendal mint cake and unsuccessfully trying to fit its crampons into the rock face; and at the very peak would be a pleasant mock Tudor house, with carefully laid out lawns and some very smart garden gnomes. Helicopters would buzz to and from the helipad; and over the sound of their rotors, we would hear the dulcet voice of Tony Slattery saying: "I have been a naughty horse. Whip me! Beat me!"

Because this is where Hat Trick — maker of *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* — resides: at the top of Comedy Mountain.

Crashing back to earth, however, Hat Trick is actually based down one of those dingy Soho alleys in which Martin Scorsese should shoot the sequel to *Taxi Driver*. He could call it *Cabdriver — You're Not Eating That In The Back of My Cab*.

"Oh, Hat Trick. They've sold their souls to the devil, haven't they?" rivals moan. "That's the only way to explain it." The "it" in question is the simple fact that if you are idly flicking through the channels and start giggling, it is most likely a Hat Trick production that you are watching. *Drop The Dead Donkey; Have I Got News For You; Clive Anderson Talks Back; Whose Line Is It Anyway?* . . . how *do* they do it?

"We take writers, comedy writers, seriously," says Denise O'Donoghue, who is managing director of Hat Trick and executive producer of most Hat Trick programmes. She is smarter, shrewder and sweeter than a barrel load of treacle-covered weasels. "I think at the time [about 1983, when Ms O'Donoghue was producing Channel 4's so-sue-me satirical sketch show, *Who Dares Wins*], comedy was looked down upon. Writers were not treated with respect. We wanted to start something that treated comedy seriously."

And lo! Hat Trick was born. Two thirds a husband-and-wife team, Ms O'Donoghue and Jimmy Mulville, and one third the profoundly bearded Rory McGrath. Hat Trick was set up in 1985 with Messrs McGrath and Mulville taking care of the laughs, and Ms O'Donoghue taking care of the business. And business has been good. Hat Trick gained three of the four Best Light Entertainment nominations at this year's Bafta awards, *Have I Got News* tops BBC2's ratings like a halo of fairy lights, and Hat Trick came third in the *Independent on Sunday*'s league of the fastest-growing British companies. They have a reputation so shiny someone must be buffing it up with Brasso.

Of course, success on this level breeds jealousy and petty nastiness. On the surface, Ms O'Donoghue seems not to care if she is branded "a tough cookie" or "a hard-nosed businesswoman".

"Well, I'm not a very funny person myself," she says. "I don't like jokes, or people trying to make jokes. It gets in the way of conversation." But as the interview progresses, she opens up a little more. "Of course, if someone doesn't like you, you pretend you don't care — you comment on all their bad points and disparage them. But inside, you're bleeding: 'Why don't they like me? I want to be liked.' "

In this business, women are written off as one of two types: the flirty ones who got where they are on their backs; or the hard-nosed bitches. No time for subtle nuances here. I'm afraid. And as the only time Ms O'Donoghue would spend on her back in connection with work would be to check the sump oil levels in her convertible, she is described as self-contained, self-possessed, ruthless.

"But I am not," she sighs. "I am the most dependent person in the world."

Her first job was delivering newspapers, which she had for four years, and never missed a day. Not once. Not even when a particularly good episode of *Banana Splits* was on early in the morning. This attitude of thoroughness and rigour extends to all Hat Trick projects. Script meetings are called "not to boost people's egos, but to make things better. If something's good, it stands to reason it could be better. And when it's even better, we hone it until it's the best."

She has great fondness and affection for all her company's employees and their projects. "I'm not a brave person," she says, "but if I am representing one of our writers, one of their ideas, I'll fight and fight and fight. If I think they are being ripped off, I'll blow up or walk away. It's like having children, really. Hundreds of children. And if you really love them, you have to discipline them."

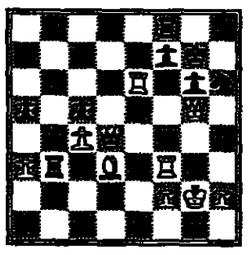
And as we climb back down from Comedy Mountain, we can hear Tony Slattery shouting, "I've been *a naughty* horse. Beat me! Whip me!"

CAITLIN MORAN

News caper: Hat Trick's *Drop The Dead Donkey* — "we take comedy writers seriously"

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

RICASSO
a. The upper blade of a sword
b. A Sicilian rice stew
c. A dying fall in music

TAMIZDAT
a. A foreign samizdat
b. A village elder
c. The Siberian spring festival

CANOPHILIST
a. A canoeist
b. A collecter of tin cans
c. A dog-lover

INFAUNA
a. Animals below the sea-bed
b. An Islamic boycott
c. Fledgling fur

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